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### Less than 100 days left in the 83rd Session

It was a very busy week under the "pink dome". I started early Monday morning with a visit to the monthly meeting of the Humble Area Retired Teachers Association at the Humble ISD Instructional Support Center in Kingwood. Next, I hopped in my truck and headed to Austin to visit with the Humble Chapter of Association for Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) and members of the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce (LHACC). Both organizations were in Austin for their legislative advocacy days at the Capitol.

During our meeting, the visiting members of ATPE presented me with a framed section of a mural from the wall at Eagle Springs Elementary. See photos below. My office also helped organize briefings for members of the LHACC. First, Texas Education Agency (TEA) Commissioner Michael Williams visited with the group. Next, Mr. Robert Wood of the Texas Comptroller's Office gave the guests an overview of the economic state of our State. Lastly, I visited with the members about what is happening legislatively for our district.

Each day of the week brought even more guests from the district and I was honored to have all of them visiting me in Austin. If you plan to visit the capitol this session, please be sure to make my staff aware and provide them your schedule. I always like to visit with my constituents when they are in Austin.

Please take the time to read through our newsletter. If you would like to learn more about any of the items listed in this newsletter, please contact my staff at either the District Office, 281-360-9410, or the Capitol Office, 512-463-0520. And remember you can always contact me through the House website at [www.house.state.tx.us](http://www.house.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

Dan Huberty  
State Representative - District 127

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## Humble ISD - ATPE

On Monday, February 11, members of the Humble ISD Chapter of ATPE came to the Capitol to advocate for their students and themselves. While here, the members had the opportunity to visit with Rep. Huberty. They brought along a framed piece of a mural painted by 3rd, 4th and 5th graders titled "Unity" from the wall of Eagle Springs Elementary. Two of the school's teachers, Robin Zorkic and Stephanie Baker, were on hand to present the art. The item is now hanging in Rep. Huberty's front office. All of the attending ATPE members had a chance to speak to Rep. Huberty and ask questions about the session. It was a successful event for all.



Representative Huberty with Eagle Springs teachers Robin Zorkic and Stephanie Baker



Rep. Huberty with ATPE Members (L to R): Brenda Rider, Janet Griffin, Allen Griffin, Tess Mustain, Melissa Crizer, Robin Zorkic, Stacey Ward, James Ellis, Stephanie Baker, Emily Garcia, Gayle Sample, Matt Wiggins and Monty Exter.

## Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce

Rep. Huberty joined a group of members from the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce as they heard briefings from Texas Education Agency Commissioner Michael Williams and Mr. Robert Wood of the Texas Comptroller's Office. Attendees included (L to R): Jim Randall; Charlie Dromgoole - Chamber President; Charles Cunningham - CenterPoint Energy; Heath Rushing - Memorial Hermann Northeast; Jamey Smith - Citizens Bank; Pat Hubbard - Hubbard Law Firm; Scott Brady - Joiner Partnership; Pam Prats - Insperity; J.P. Espinoza - New York Life; Jenna Dhayer - Lake Houston YMCA; Lauren Doak - City Council Member Dave Martin; Louis Smith - Memorial Hermann Northeast and Jenna Armstrong.- Lake Houston Area Chamber.



Rep. Huberty with members of Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce

## Alliance of North Houston Chambers (ANHoC)

Tuesday, February 12, brought even more visitors as members of the Alliance of North Houston Chambers (ANHoC) descended upon the Capitol. Rep. Huberty joined other north Houston Representatives and Senators in welcoming the attendees to their Texas Capitol with a breakfast in the Lt. Governor's Reception Room and a House Resolution (HR) read from the House floor. HR 364, which was authored and read by Rep. Harless, offered Representatives Bohac, Callegari, Fletcher, Thompson and Riddle to greet their constituents. The resolution was followed by a photo session on the Senate steps for all attendees. The trip concluded with visits to legislative offices and briefings from Texas Department of Transportation Executive Director, Phil Wilson, and Governor Perry's Legislative Director, Ken Armbrister.



Reps. Bohac, Fletcher, Harless, Huberty, Riddle and Thompson with ANHoC members



Rep. Huberty speaking to LHACC members

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## "Senior Day" at the Capitol

Another group of visitors came by the office on Tuesday, February 12. Nearly 200 senior citizens joined Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle at the Texas Capitol. Advocating on behalf of themselves and their families, the visitors were there to meet and greet their Representatives and Senators. It was a packed day with lots of meetings and events. A small group of five individuals came by to see Rep. Huberty and get a picture before heading home.



## Public Education Committee Hearing

The House Public Education committee held its first hearing on Tuesday, February 12. The committee members were set to host an organizational meeting with invited testimony only to consider issues related to school finance litigation, student assessment and school accountability. The members heard from TEA Commissioner Michael Williams on Education Priorities. TEA General Counsel David Anderson and Deputy General Counsel Von Byer, spoke to current School Finance Litigation and gave an overview. Finally a Student Assessment and School Accountability update was provided by Criss Cloudt, TEA's Associate Commissioner for Assessment and Accountability; Gloria Zyskowski, Director of TEA's Student Assessment Division and Shannon Housson, TEA's Director of Performance Reporting Division.

It was an educational and enlightening meeting for the now eleven-member Public Education committee. The next hearing is set for Tuesday, February 19, and will cover student assessments.

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## Honorary House Page Program

All house members have the opportunity to host a certain number of honorary pages during the legislative session, through the Texas House Honorary Page Program at the Texas Capitol. Students, ages 8 to 18 years old, serve as honorary pages for one half-day shift and witness the legislative process from inside the Capitol walls.

Honorary pages are granted floor access and have the opportunity to visit with Texas Representatives, meet the Speaker of the House and learn the legislative process. In addition, honorary pages will work with the Sergeant-at-Arms office to assist with the delivery of messages and documents around the Capitol for members, as they are escorted with a Sergeant. For more details on how to apply, e-mail Representative Huberty at [Dan.Huberty@house.state.tx.us](mailto:Dan.Huberty@house.state.tx.us) and ask specifically about the Honorary Page Program.

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## Capitol Visitors

Several other groups came to the Texas Capitol to visit with legislators and staff members last week, including the Texas YMCA, the University of Houston and the Academic Language Therapy Association (ALTA). As a previous recipient of the ALTA Legislator of the Year, Rep. Huberty was honored to introduce the members from the House floor and read a resolution, HR 235, in honor of the organization that named Wednesday, February 13, as Dyslexia Awareness Day in the state of Texas. Planning a trip to the Capitol? Contact the office to schedule time with Rep. Huberty or his staff.

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## Free Legal Assistance for People with Disabilities

### Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program and LyondellBasell

The City of Houston Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD), in partnership with Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program and LyondellBasell, is offering a free legal advice clinic on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray Street, Houston 77019. During the evening, volunteer attorneys will provide brief legal advice to qualifying participants in the following areas: bankruptcy, consumer, family (divorce, custody and child support), guardianship, immigration law, Internal Revenue Service controversies, landlord/tenant, wills and probate. This is a quarterly clinic. The other 2013 dates are Wednesday, May 15, Wednesday, July 17 and Wednesday, October 16. Qualifying clinic participants will also receive referrals to legal service providers for ongoing legal assistance.

### South Texas College of Law Free Legal Clinic

The City of Houston Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD), in partnership with the South Texas College of Law (STCL), is offering free monthly legal clinics for persons with disabilities. Clinics offered by STCL take place on every third Thursday of each month, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray Street, Houston 77019. STCL provides legal services in areas of community education, estate planning, family law and probate.

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## Senate District 6 Run-Off Election Update

Governor Rick Perry has set the date for the Special Run-Off Election for Senate District 6 for Saturday, March 2. Early Voting will be held between Wednesday, February 20, and Tuesday, February 26. This announcement came the Friday, February 8, only a few days before his deadline of Monday, February 11. Of the six dates Governor Perry could have selected, he chose the fourth date, in chronological order. To view his announcement, simply click here: <http://governor.state.tx.us/news/press-release/18146/>.

## Rep. Huberty sworn-in to serve as Major in the Texas State Guard

The Texas State Guard (TXSG) is one of three branches of the Texas Military Forces (TXMF), reporting to the Texas Adjutant General located at Texas Military Forces HQ, Camp Mabry (Austin), Texas. The Commander in Chief of the Texas Military Forces is the Governor of Texas. The other two branches are the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG) and the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG).

On Saturday, February 16, Representative Dan Huberty took the oath of the Texas State Guard. The Oath reads as follows: "I ... do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the State of Texas and to the United States of America; that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever, and that I will obey the orders of the governor of Texas, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the laws, rules, and articles for the government of the military forces of the State of Texas."

Rep. Huberty was joined by other House Members who currently serve the Texas State Guard and several others who were also taking the oath that day. He will serve in the rank of Major, under the direction of the Texas Adjutant General and Governor Perry.



Rep. Huberty bring sworn-in with fellow Reps. Cecil Bell, Jr. and Steve Toth

Rep. Huberty with Texas State Guard Commander Major General Anthony Rodriguez