



Greetings!

The bill filing deadline was last Friday and I'm excited to report that I filed 16 bills ranging from topics such as banning sanctuary cities, reforming A-F accountability ratings for school districts, protecting private property rights for citizens, local control of court records, protection of the families of law enforcement, and more opportunities in higher education for the children of those who have fought for our country and some who have paid the ultimate price.

Recently, the House passed two key bills, House Bills 4 and 5, which are designed to improve circumstances for children within our state's system who are in desperate need of support. Taken together, these bills are an important first step in the Texas Legislature's commitment to protecting Texas' children and addresses the Governor's first emergency item for this session.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. It is an honor to represent you in the Texas House.

Sincerely,

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Bills Authored:

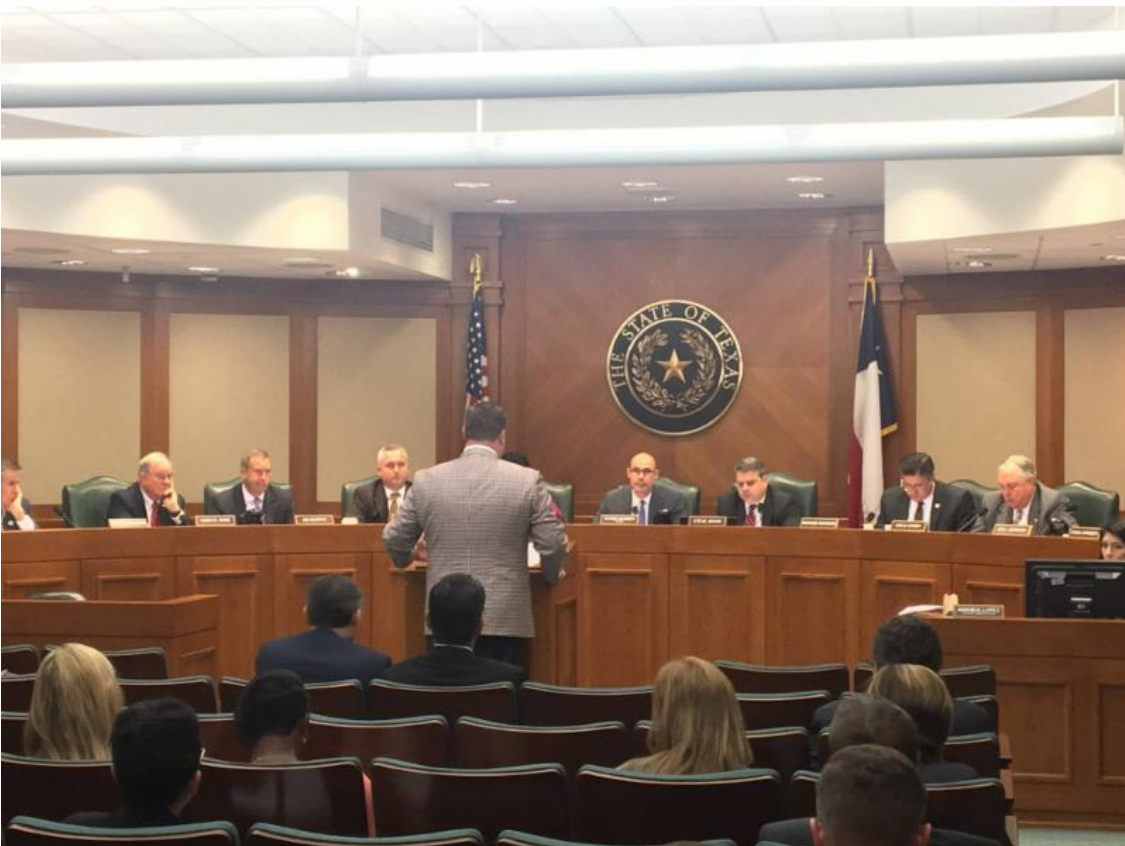
- [HB 2556](#) - extends fair market value offers for replacement cost to landowners of fences or structures that are lost through the condemnation of eminent domain.
- [HB 2779](#) - removes domain 4 for grades 3-8 from public school accountability ratings.
- [HB 3784](#) - allows for an online course for the classroom portion of handgun proficiency instruction.

Bills Co-Authored:

- [HB 1911](#) - constitutional carry.
- [HB 1983](#) - worker's compensation benefits for firefighters and peace officers who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder.
- [HB 2013](#) - removes fees of fishing and hunting license for volunteer firefighters.

Peace Officer Family Protection Act

Last week, the House Committee on Ways and Means heard [HB 457](#), my bill that would extend the option to the spouse or surviving spouse and adult children of peace officers to keep their appraisal records confidential. Currently, the tax code allows peace officers to keep their appraisal records confidential.



Protecting Private Property Rights

As a small business owner and real estate broker in Texas, I know firsthand that property rights are one of the most sacred liberties that Texans enjoy. HB 2556, my component of eminent domain reform, will empower property owners and commission condemning authorities to extend fair market value offers to deserving landowners, additionally saving our state from frivolous administrative appeals costs by cutting out the tiresome back-and-forth of the broken process.

Under Texas statutory property code, a public condemning authority is not required to appraise the replacement costs to landowners of structures lost in the action. Currently, structures on the condemned land are appraised at fair market value by a neutral third party appraiser.

The result is an undue burden on property owners who often receive an amount that is less than what could be recovered in a private transaction. Then, the property owner has to turn around and fork the bill for replacing fencing or additional structures which were taken during the condemnation action.

I'm eager to join Reps. DeWayne Burns (R-Cleburne), Trent Ashby (R-Lufkin) and Kyle Kacal (R-Bryan) in a slew of legislation offering significant improvements to current eminent domain laws and thankful for the applause from [The Texans for Property Rights Coalition](#) for our efforts.

Honoring the Shaw Brothers

I had the privilege of authoring HR 671 recognizing Corporal Bryan Shaw (Rockwall) and Trooper Danny Shaw (Forney) for their service and sacrifice protecting our great state. Click below to watch.



Honoring the Cougar Band of Frisco

The Clark Cougar Band of Frisco, Texas joined us at the Texas House and I had the privilege to honor them with a congratulatory resolution for their achievement of the 2016 Sudler Cup.

The Cougar Band is the only band in the nation to receive this prestigious award!



Rockwall County Days at the Capitol

I was honored to help host the 2017 Rockwall County Days in Austin and present HR 426 recognizing February 26-28, 2017, as Rockwall County Days at the State Capitol.

I am thankful for the ability to serve these fine business leaders and enjoyed spending time with each of them over the past two days.



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