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January 2015 Newsletter

Hello Friends,

The 84th Legislative Session convened on January 13th in Austin. It is an honor to be able to represent the people of House District 59. I will continue to advocate for those issues that are most important to our area of the state: quality public schools, access to healthcare, preserving our rural way of life, water, and good roads. Committee assignments will be in made in the next couple of weeks.

This month I had the opportunity to attend and support a number of livestock shows and auctions. A great job was done by all of the many participants that made each of these events a success!

As the legislative session continues, please contact me about issues that are important to you.

Sincerely,

J D Sheffield

Copperas Cove Highway Project



Copperas Cove opened a new highway bypass on January 29th. The road runs from U. S. Highway 190 to Farm to Market Road 2657, southeast of Copperas Cove.

At Left—Representative Sheffield makes remarks during the ceremony.

Bottom Picture- Mayor John Hull of Copperas Cove cuts the ribbon to open the new highway.



From Around House District 59...

BRADY/MCCULLOCH COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET



**Copperas Cove
Chamber of
Commerce
Banquet**



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Sheffield Recognizes Importance of Public Schools

As **School Board Recognition Month** comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the work school boards do for future generations of Texans. Public schools are integral to our communities and good leadership is essential to their success.

I am looking forward to continuing to work with school boards, teachers, parents, and school administrators to improve public education in Texas. This legislative session there is a proposed bill, House Bill 645, that would equalize funding for many rural districts. About half of the school districts in House District 59 would benefit under this new plan. I am proud to be a co-author on this important bill.

The Chairman of the Public Education Committee, Representative Jimmie Don Aycock, has begun a conversation about the future of school finance. The Texas Supreme Court is currently reviewing the constitutionality of our current system. I appreciate the willingness of Chairman Aycock to look at this issue and will continue to support efforts that benefit our public school.

-J.D. Sheffield



On January 8, Rep. Sheffield spoke to interested community members and school leaders about public school issues at a Town Hall meeting in Goldthwaite.

Sheffield pictures with Goldthwaite Superintendent Ronny Wight and Dee Dee Wright. The painting features the thumbprints of all elementary students in Goldthwaite ISD.



From the Texas House...

January 13— Opening Day of the 84th Legislative Session

January 15— Governor Perry gave his final speech as Governor to a joint meeting of the Texas House and Senate

January 20— Governor Abbott and Lt. Governor Patrick were sworn in during a ceremony on the South Steps of the Capitol building.

January 25/26— San Saba students in Texas Capitol Schoolhouse program visit Austin.

January 26— Texas Rally for Life—Texas Alliance For Life

January 28— Texas Farm Bureau Legislative Day

At right, Representative Sheffield presides over the Texas House of Representatives on January 14, 2015.



Representative Linda Koop and Sheffield on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives.