



*State Representative*  
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**Rotunda Report**

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*Special Session:*

On Monday, May 27th, immediately after we gaveled out of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Regular Legislative Session, Governor Rick Perry called the Legislature back to Austin for a special session focused on Congressional and Legislative Redistricting. Specifically, the Governor has directed the Legislature to uphold the interim court-ordered maps that were instated for the 2012 election. The Select House Committee on Redistricting has conducted several hearings across the state, including one in Dallas on June 6th, and just yesterday, Governor Perry added transportation funding to the call. By law, a special session may not extend past 30 days, so we can expect the current session to wrap up over the next two weeks. I will continue to update you as developments arise.

*Recap of the 83rd Regular Legislative Session:*

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session was focused on the future of Texas and I am proud that we addressed many of the concerns and issues facing our rapidly growing state. For instance, we took substantial measures to address our state's long-term water needs, along with critical public education curriculum reform, higher education reform and tax relief for small business owners. We also passed legislation providing for more government transparency and accountability.

I was also proud to author and pass legislation limiting the reckless expansion of Medicaid under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as well as a provision that will spur stable job growth in Texas by providing real tax relief for small business owners that relocate to Texas. Among other local bills that I successfully authored and passed, I passed landmark legislation in the Texas House to crack down on sexual offenders and make our neighborhoods safer.

Having made much progress on issues important to you, your families and businesses, I still believe there are many significant issues that remain unaddressed, including transportation, budgeting procedures, additional governmental transparency measures, as well as various pro-life and Second Amendment issues. As your State Representative, I remain committed to continuing my work for Texas and I look forward to working with constituents, community leaders and my colleagues to keep Texas on its solid track towards economic prosperity while promoting and protecting the fundamental values we hold so dear.

I encourage you to [learn more](#) about my legislative track record and contact my office with any questions at (972) 424-1419 or [District67.Leach@house.state.tx.us](mailto:District67.Leach@house.state.tx.us).

*In other news...*

I was recently named one of the "Best Freshmen Legislators" by the online publication, [Capitol Inside](#), and the "Best of Dallas-area's Freshman Class" by the [Dallas Morning News](#) editorial board.

I am extremely humbled and grateful to be recognized in this respect and want to THANK YOU for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving as your voice in the Texas House of Representatives. As always, I hope you will let me know if I may serve you in any way.

### *Community Spotlight!*

Last week, over 1,300 Allen ISD High School Seniors proudly walked the stage to receive their high school diplomas. Tomorrow, over 3,600 Plano ISD High School Seniors will do the same. I am so proud of these students for reaching this hard-earned goal and cannot wait to hear the many success stories that will come from this tremendous group of young men and women - the future of our state. Congratulations to all of the graduates and best wishes for a prosperous future!

All my Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jell Leach". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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