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SESSION WRAP-UP NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

Greetings from your Texas Capitol! Serving in the Texas House of Representatives on behalf of House District 60 for the past 140 days has been an honor. May 29th marked the last official day for the regular session before I come back to work for a special session in July. Every day, I worked to preserve your liberty and uphold my oath before family, friends, and fellow Texans. In this letter, I would like to provide you with the most important updates of the 85th Legislative Regular Session and how they will impact Texas and our great House District 60.

"Sanctuary Cities" Bill Passes

I am proud to announce one of the most important measures passed by the house this session: Senate Bill 4. SB 4 is the high profile "Sanctuary Cities" bill. The intent behind this vital reform is to ensure the safety of Texas citizens. SB 4 keeps sheriffs, constables, police chiefs and other local leaders accountable to the law by making them subject to Class A misdemeanor charges if they don't cooperate with federal authorities and honor requests from immigration agents to hold noncitizen inmates who are subject to deportation. This measure, which also applies to collegiate facilities, would also allow law enforcement officers to inquire into the immigration status of detainees. We passed this bill with one main goal in mind: To keep dangerous criminals off the streets. My number one mission is to keep Texas safe. This bill took an enormous steps in this direction.



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CPS Reform Bill Becomes Law

Protecting the most vulnerable citizens of Texas was another top priority for me during session. I voted for House Bill 6 and numerous additional CPS/DFPS legislation in order to help protect children in the foster care system and help put a stop to any abuse that is occurring in the status quo. This bill will improve services and coordination within the department, and eliminate unnecessary duplication by way of consolidation within the CPS system. Additionally, it will ensure prompt and adequate services for children in foster care. This bill will also strengthen accountability for CPS providers and impose more stringent investigation requirements that look into abuse or neglect of children in the system and will resource any such investigations to the CPS Investigations Division.

Pro Life Champion

Alternatives to Abortion. I was honored, not only to be selected "Pro-Life Champion" by Texas Right to Life, but also to be chosen to carry a high priority budget rider for Texas Right To Life. This rider, which passed by a wide margin, would ensure that funding is retained for the vital "Alternatives To Abortion" program. I am extremely grateful to have also been chosen to offer a motion to ensure that this funding was in conference committee. I am humbled to be the only freshman to make such a motion to confer and to subsequently have the motion prevail.

Partial Birth Abortion Ban Passes House. Putting my signature on Senate Bill 8 was one of my proudest accomplishments this session. This bill is also a measure that bans the most common second-trimester abortion procedure — where the performing surgeon grasps and removes pieces of the fetus — for fetuses that are not already deceased. This legislation would require health care facilities to bury or cremate any fetal remains regardless of what process brought about the death of the fetus. This bill would preserve dignity for unborn children.

2nd Amendment Strong

I was honored to be requested by Representative James White to joint author House Bill 1911. This constitutional carry legislation removes the requirement to have a license in order to carry a firearm to protect you and your loved ones. The bill does still, however, retain the ability to obtain a license for reciprocity purposes. In addition to this, I was also very happy to be able to co-author House Bill 339 which reduces the License to Carry fee to only \$40.



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Education

Education is a number one priority for me. After all, it is our responsibility to ensure quality learning for the next generation to ensure a bright future for our great state. I am proud to announce that I worked hard for our young Texans this session in a few different areas. I joint authored House Bill 3759 which protects school districts via an exemption from state imposed unfunded mandates. If the state gives the schools a command, then it is our duty to ensure that there is adequate funding to execute the command. I tirelessly worked to protect our local schools. In addition, I fought for a reduction in over burdensome testing. Another vital reform made this session was the "Pass the Trash" legislation that ensures we do not have our teachers having inappropriate relationships with Texas students. House Bill 218 does this by strengthening reporting requirements for a teacher than leaves a school and goes to another. The school must be notified of the teacher's history. Last but not certainly not least, I voted to preserve the longevity of our teacher retirement health care system.

Representative Mike Lang currently serves as State Representative for House District 60, consisting of eight counties. Lang resides in Granbury with his loving wife, Katie, where they are active members of Stonewater Church. They have one son, Ryan, who lives and works in the DFW area. Lang previously served Texas as a law enforcement officer for 30 years.

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