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The State of Texas House of Representatives



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Friends,

This session I filed HB 1641 to help ensure women receive proper follow-up care after childbirth. This bill requires the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to send information to qualifying woman about the Healthy Texas Woman (HTW) program. The information will explain the services provided by HTW and gives a list of participating medical providers in the area. I filed this legislation in response to the 2018 Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force and the Department of State Health Services Joint Biennial Report. The report recommended increasing access to health services during the year after pregnancy and throughout the interconception period to improve the health of women, facilitate continuity of care, enable effective care transitions, and promote safe birth. HB 1641 is a step in the right direction and I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure its passage. If you would like to learn more about HTW, please visit <https://www.healthytexaswomen.org/>.

Leadership Rowlett

This week we were visited by Leadership Rowlett as they traveled to their state capitol to learn more about their state government. During this visit, Leadership Rowlett toured our State Capitol, visited the General Land Office, and listened to speakers from the Governor's Office, Department

of Family and Protective Services, and Texas Department of Transportation. It was wonderful to have this group in Austin to help educate legislators on the issues that are important to Rowlett.

I enjoyed visiting with this group along with my colleagues, Rep. Rhetta Bowers, Sen. Bob Hall, and Sen. Nathan Johnson. We hope Leadership Rowlett found their trip to be informative and we look forward to this becoming a tradition.



Senator Hall and I were honored to welcome Leadership Rowlett on their legislative visit.

Garland Legislative Day

The Garland Chamber of Commerce held their third annual Legislative Days at the Capitol this week! I enjoyed meeting with business and community leaders from the City of Garland, Garland Chamber of Commerce, Garland ISD, and Richland College. During my visit with the Garland delegation, I was presented with a beautiful gift created by GISD students. I am grateful for all of their hard work and have it proudly displayed in my office.

I am honored to have these fine community leaders from my home city here in Austin to help educate my colleagues about issues important to Garland. If you or your organization are interested in visiting the capitol and would like for us to arrange a tour, please let me know.



It was wonderful to have Garland Mayor Lori Dodson and Garland community leaders at the capitol this week.

Higher Education

This week in Higher Education, we heard testimony from the presidents of community colleges around the state. Community colleges play a vital role in educating our young adults. With over 130 community colleges in the state, they serve over 75% of freshmen and sophomores seeking higher education. Ensuring community colleges obtain the resources and tools they need is essential to creating a skilled workforce.

The Committee also heard testimony from four of Texas' eight emerging research universities, including my alma mater, the University of Texas at Dallas. These institutions provide valuable innovation, research, and a critical workforce for our state. It is projected that the Texas population will almost double by 2050, and I look forward to working with my colleagues this session to ensure that our emerging research universities have the resources they need to become the national leaders our state will need for the future.

Sincerely,

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