

Dear Neighbors,

The 83rd Texas Legislature and its subsequent Special Sessions, my first as your Representative, adjourned over a year ago. The 84th Legislature will convene in January 2015.

I have spent the interim continuously educating myself on the issues that face our giant state. Texas is growing at a historic rate and its growth has put considerable strain on the state's resources, infrastructure and services. Significant strides were made in the 83rd Session with regards to these issues; greater strides must be made in the 84th Session if we are to continue down the path of prosperity.

It has been my pleasure to have the opportunity to serve on both the Pensions and the (GERC) Government Efficiency and Reform Committee's. Though the legislature is not presently in session, both of these committees have been busy with Interim Studies. Distributed at the behest of the Speaker of the House, these studies serve both to inform their respective members as well as prepare for the future.

This newsletter will provide an update on both the Pensions and the GERC Interim Studies. Both a Water infrastructure update is included as well as a brief summery and explanation of this past session's Sunset Advisory Committee. Lastly, it gives a detailed description of the Transportation Proposition which will appear on the ballot this coming November.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the first representative for the newly redistricted House District 85. We have offices in Rosenberg and Wharton should you have any questions. God bless you, your family, our great State of Texas and the United States of America.

Sincerely,

Phil Stephenson