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The Texas Pledge of Allegiance:

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

**Capitol Update**

This week, I was invited to speak at the National Federation of Independent Businesses. The NFIB represents small and independent businesses all across our state. By focusing on the potential impact of innovation such as research and development tax incentives, we will be able to give Texas the competitive advantage that is necessary to draw businesses and jobs here.

I presented HB 884 to the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence. HB 884 addresses the procedure of obtaining unclaimed property seized at the time of certain arrests. Right now, released offenders are only notified to reclaim their property by certified mail. This bill proposes a more efficient process that requires notification upon release. Therefore, this bill reduces the cost for both the city and the police departments.

The deadline for filing new bills for this session is Friday, March 6. In the past week I have filed multiple bills, they include:

**HB 2431**

This bill allows the State Board of Education to develop new high school program options that will emphasize workforce readiness and allow students to take career and technology focused courses.

**HB 2467**

Extends Chapter 313 of the Tax Code which will allow economic incentives that promote the growth and development of businesses in our state.

**HB 2432**

Addresses issues affecting pension systems currently not governed at the local level, including transparency, ethics, and solvency.

By Friday's deadline, I will have filed 40 bills. I am happy to have the opportunity to serve District 133. If you are interested in learning more about our bills, which I hope you are, we invite you to log onto our website to track bills, monitor hearings, and watch floor debates. [www.house.state.tx.us](http://www.house.state.tx.us)

If you are able to, make a trip over to the Capitol. We would be more than happy to have you stop by and meet me with you. We enjoy working for you and look forward to being of service.

Did you know?

ê You could fit 220 Rhode Islands in Texas.

**Improving Manufacturing in Texas**

ê Texas stretches 800 miles each way.

We met last week in the first hearing of our Manufacturing Subcommittee to consider some of the issues facing manufacturing in Texas. This was as "invited testimony", a method through which we provide background information to the committee members on some of the major issues that will be addressed via legislation over the next three months. These hearings also foster relationships among our members and people active in industry, government, and academia. Their knowledge, studies and experience allow us to make better decisions.

ê Tyler has more than 38,000 bushes in its rose garden.

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Great meeting with the Orthodox Union

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