



**26th Congressional District**  
*2014 Year-End Annual Report*  
Congressman Michael C. Burgess



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## 2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Participated in 76 Hearings and Markups in the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Participated in 57 Hearings in the Rules Committee
- Cast 556 votes, a 98.8% vote attendance record
- Authored and introduced 15 pieces of legislation
- Authored the MD CARE Act, which was signed into public law
- Cosponsored 241 pieces of legislation
- Opened 434 cases with federal agencies on behalf of constituents
- Received and responded to more than 34,000 pieces of correspondence
- Held or attended more than 400 events
- Assisted in having 48 American flags flown over the U.S. Capitol
- 22 constituents were accepted to U.S. service academies
- Mentioned in 968 newspaper articles and blog posts
- Conducted 88 radio interviews and 106 television interviews
- Issued 69 press releases and 44 weekly video addresses
- Was named Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade for the 114th Congress

*It is an honor to represent you in the United States House of Representatives. For the past year, I've done my best to represent you in and advocate on behalf of your interests in Washington. While we have made lot of progress in the last year to get our economy back on track and reign in the spending and over reach of the government, there is still a lot of work left to be done. In the coming year, I will continue my commitment to working on behalf of a pro-growth, pro-jobs agenda. We need to make government more efficient, and reduce the bureaucratic burdens and over regulation that are stifling our economy. With dedication and commitment, we can build this great country back, and we can create a better future for our children and grandchildren.*

## ABOUT ME



After spending nearly three decades practicing medicine in North Texas as an OB-GYN, I have served the constituents of the 26th District in the United States House of Representatives since 2003.

I currently serve on the prestigious House Energy and Commerce Committee where I served as vice chairman of both the Subcommittees on Health and Oversight and Investigations for the 113th Congress and was a member of the Subcommittee on Energy and Power. In November 2014, I was named Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade for the 114th Congress. In addition, I am a member of the Rules Committee and the Helsinki Commission. In 2009, I founded the Congressional Health Caucus, on which I serve as co-chairman.

Because of my medical background, I have been a strong advocate for health care legislation aimed at reducing health care costs, improving choices, reforming liability laws to put the needs of patients first, and ensuring there are enough doctors in the public and private sector to care for America's patients and veterans. I have voted to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act 54 times. I have played an important role in bipartisan efforts to ensure the safety of food, drugs, and consumer products, and have introduced legislation to strengthen our ability to stop dangerous goods and products from coming into this country.

As a member of Congress representing one of the fastest-growing areas of the country, transportation is also a top priority. In 2005, I successfully amended the Highway Bill to include development credits, design-build, and environmental streamlining. During my time on Capitol Hill, I have worked to build, maintain, and improve the safety of our roads, bridges, air service, and transit in the North Texas region.

As a fiscal conservative, I believe Americans deserve a federal government that is more efficient, more effective, less costly, and always transparent. I am a proponent of a flat tax and have introduced a flat tax bill, HR 1040, every term I have served in Congress. I follow a strict adherence to the Constitution and oppose unnecessary expansion of the federal government's control over the personal freedoms of Americans. Instead, I believe in giving people more control over their lives and their money. I am committed to reducing illegal immigration into our country and have taken action to ensure our borders are secure and our immigration laws are enforced. I strongly oppose any proposal to grant amnesty to illegal immigrants.

During my time on Capitol Hill, I have earned a reputation as a problem-solver who seeks sensible solutions to the challenges Americans face and have received several awards including: the Guardian of Small Business award by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB); the Spirit of Enterprise award by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and the Taxpayer Hero award from the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste; among others.

Today, I represent the majority of Denton County, and parts of Dallas County and Tarrant County. I was raised in Denton, and attended The Selwyn School, graduating in 1968 as valedictorian. In addition, I graduated with both an undergraduate and a master's degree from North Texas State University, now the University of North Texas.

I received my M.D. from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston, and completed my residency programs at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. I also received a master's degree in Medical Management from the University of Texas at Dallas, and in May 2009 was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Public Service from the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center.

My wife, Laura, and I have been married for 41 years. We have three children and two grandsons.

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# COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

## ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

I am a member of the [House Energy and Commerce Committee](#), the oldest standing legislative committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, and considered to be one of the most powerful committees. This committee has wide-ranging jurisdiction, presiding over all matters relating to telecommunications, consumer protection, food and drug safety, public health, air quality and environmental health, the supply and delivery of energy and interstate and foreign commerce in general.

This jurisdiction extends over five cabinet-level departments (U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency) and many independent agencies (Federal Trade Commission, Food and Drug Administration, Federal Communications Commission, Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission). During the 114th Congress, 2015 and 2016, I will serve in the following positions:

- **Chairman, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade.** Jurisdiction includes: Interstate and foreign commerce, including all trade matters within the jurisdiction of the full committee; regulation of commercial practices (the Federal Trade Commission), including sports-related matters; consumer affairs and consumer protection, including privacy matters generally; data security; consumer product safety (the Consumer Product Safety Commission); product liability; motor vehicle safety; and regulation of travel, tourism, and time.
- **Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.** Jurisdiction includes: responsibility for oversight of agencies, departments, and programs within the jurisdiction of the full committee, and for conducting investigations within such jurisdiction.
- **Member, Subcommittee on Health.** Jurisdiction includes: Public health and quarantine; hospital construction; mental health; biomedical research and development; health information technology, privacy, and cybersecurity; public health insurance (Medicare, Medicaid) and private health insurance; medical malpractice and medical malpractice insurance; the regulation of food, drugs, and cosmetics; drug abuse; the Department of Health and Human Services; the National Institutes of Health; the Centers for Disease Control; Indian Health Service; and all aspects of the above-referenced jurisdiction related to the Department of Homeland Security.

## RULES COMMITTEE

I was asked to serve on the powerful House Rules Committee for the 113th Congress and will do so again for this Congress. Chaired by fellow Texan Pete Sessions, the Rules Committee establishes the parameters of debate for every bill considered by the House of Representatives on the House floor. The committee consists of nine Republicans and four Democrats and meets weekly to discuss the floor schedule and vote on bills for debate. As a member of this committee, I am in a unique position to influence policy on every aspect of the House agenda, including issues pertaining to health care, energy, spending, national security, and intelligence.

- During the second session of the 113th Congress, the Rules Committee has met nearly 60 times to move critical pieces of legislation to the House Floor for consideration
- I supported numerous key amendments to major pieces of legislation so that they could be considered by the full House, including having an amendment made in order to the 2014 National Defense Authorization Act which would require the Department of Defense to report to Congress how far along it is on being able to pass an audit. Despite a law in 1990 requiring the action, the DOD has yet to achieve an audit and be accountable for its spending. This legislation would correct that lapse.
- I managed 11 Rules on the House floor, providing for the consideration of key pieces of legislation pertaining to health care and energy policy.

# CAUCUS MEMBERSHIP

A Congressional caucus, also known as a Congressional Member Organization, is a group of members of the United States Congress that meets to pursue common legislative objectives. A caucus can be bi-partisan and contain members of both houses. Because a caucus is comprised of members with similar ideas and goals, they can be quite important and powerful.

## Caucus Chairman/Co-Chair

- Congressional Health Care Caucus
- Congressional Motorcycle Safety Caucus
- Congressional Multiple Sclerosis Caucus
- Congressional Flat Tax Caucus
- Congressional Osteoporosis Caucus

## Caucus Membership:

- Bipartisan Congressional Privacy Caucus
- Bipartisan Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease
- Bipartisan Cystic Fibrosis Caucus
- Bipartisan Disaster Relief Caucus
- Coalition for Autism Research and Education
- Congressional Affordable Medicines Caucus
- Congressional Afghan Caucus
- Congressional Allergy and Asthma Caucus
- Congressional Anti-Terrorism Caucus
- Congressional Army Caucus
- Congressional Automotive Performance & Motorsport Caucus
- Congressional Aviation Caucus
- Congressional Balanced Budget Amendment Caucus
- Congressional Bike Caucus
- Congressional Boating Caucus
- Congressional Caucus on Community Health Centers
- Congressional Caucus on India and Indian-Americans
- Congressional Caucus on Parkinson's Disease
- Congressional Caucus on Sovereignty

- Congressional Diabetes Caucus
- Congressional Downs Syndrome Caucus
- Congressional Dyslexia Caucus
- Congressional Efficiency Caucus
- Congressional Horse Caucus
- Congressional High Technology Caucus
- Congressional Mental Health Caucus
- Congressional Navy and Marine Corps Caucus
- Congressional Pakistan Caucus
- Congressional Research and Development Caucus
- Congressional Taiwan Caucus
- Congressional United Services Organization Caucus
- Congressional Western Caucus
- GOP Doctors Caucus
- House Air Force Caucus
- House Agriculture Energy Users Caucus
- House Biofuels Caucus
- House General Aviation Caucus
- House Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus
- House Tea Party Caucus
- Military Veterans Caucus
- National Guard and Reserve Components Caucus
- Next Gen 9-1-1 Caucus
- Immigration Reform Caucus
- Zero Capital Gains Tax Caucus



# STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR ETHICAL CONDUCT

As a Member of Congress, I have an open door policy for any constituent of the 26th District of Texas to meet with me or my staff in my [Texas office](#) or my [Washington, D.C. office](#). Other persons or groups representing communities, large or small businesses or themselves with concerns impacting the 26th District are welcome to [request a meeting with me](#) and my staff as well. I do my very best to try and schedule as many meetings and events as possible in a timely fashion.

Such meetings or event requests are based upon need and availability and no other outside influences are taken into consideration. I take my job as a representative of the people of the 26th District very seriously, and I believe that when I am called upon to make a decision, the only voices that I look to for input are those residing within the borders of the district I represent.

The people of the 26th District have entrusted me with the responsibility of this office and I am honored to have that trust. An important part of this role is transparency. As the steward of this congressional office, it is my fiduciary duty to ensure that I conduct my personal dealings and the business of this office both ethically and with dignity. Each year I provide my [Financial Disclosure](#) to the U.S. House of Representatives as required. Additionally, each quarter the U.S. House of Representatives produces a [Statement of Disbursements](#) which provides specific information concerning the expenses and disbursements for each office. I believe it is important to be accountable and provide transparency in the dealings of our elected officials and government offices.

## FOCUS ON CONSTITUENT SERVICES

One of the most important things I do as your U.S. Representative is help you gain access to and information about the federal government. Although I cannot override the decisions made by a federal agency, I can often intervene on a constituent's behalf to answer questions, find solutions or just cut through the red tape.

- **How May I Help?** – When a federal agency has failed to respond in a timely manner to a request for assistance or has otherwise been unwilling to provide a level of relief that agency regulations appear to support, a [Congressional Inquiry](#) may be utilized to seek a response. While a favorable reply cannot always be promised, every review and consideration will be afforded based on the merits of the agency concern to seek either a resolution or an explanation of the limiting legal guidelines the agency must follow in relation to your concern.
- **Review** – Together we will clarify the issue, identify your progress within the inquiry process and develop a strategy to assist you in the most efficient pursuit of your goal. My office will serve as a mediator to ensure that your request is provided for full review and consideration by the appropriate officials.
- **Closure** – We will pursue an answer to either provide a satisfactory resolution to your concern or a clear explanation of the limiting legal guidelines that prevent the agency from providing the desired answer.
- **Empower** – We will seek to identify resources that may be helpful in further supporting and documenting your claim so you can maximize your appeal rights and other avenues that may be available for further assistance. Through this process I will seek to provide excellence in service of the constituent needs related to the agencies of the government.

Throughout 2014, 434 constituents from the district received assistance in the form of a congressional inquiry to address an issue or concern with a federal agency. Out of the 434 cases opened in 2014, I was able to resolve 320 before the end of the year. Some of the more frequent topics I assisted with included benefits from the Social Security Administration, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Veterans Affairs, Internal Revenue Service and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. In addition, my office assisted 682 constituents with various non-legislative issues. I sent 1,661 correspondences via mail providing casework updates and informational referrals. More than 50% of the constituents who contacted my office with concerns relating to a federal agency resided in Lewisville, Denton, Frisco, Flower Mound and Fort Worth.

## STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES THAT GUIDE LEGISLATIVE DECISIONS

I have a strong moral philosophy that guides my life and informs the manner in which I represent the State of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives. Every vote I cast in Congress starts with you, the people of the 26th District of Texas. I was sent by the people of our district to Washington not to promote any personal agenda, but to bring your voice to our nation's capital. Before each vote I ask myself, 'is the measure before us necessary, good for our district and our state, is this something my neighbors want, and is it allowed under the Constitution?' I always review your phone calls, emails, and letters before a vote to ensure that I continue to be in touch with your thoughts on the issues before Congress.

Our federal government was meant to protect the inalienable rights articulated in the Declaration of Independence. Thus, I will only support legislation that protects your constitutional rights and liberties and is allowed under the powers given to Congress under the Constitution. I also oppose legislation that is redundant, unnecessarily expands government control over our freedom, or increases the role of the federal government in your life.

In addition, I am committed to protecting your pocketbook. I will not support legislation that hurts the economy, slows job growth, raises taxes, or burdens the taxpayers of today or tomorrow with greater debt. Taxpayers deserve a federal government that is more efficient, less costly, and always transparent.

I am fiscally and socially conservative, and I believe that the federal government must be responsible to the people – not the other way around. Whether through my support for a balanced budget that pays down our national debt, ensuring a strong national defense, or giving people more control over their lives and their money, I am committed to shrinking the size of government to only what is necessary to assure your freedom and protect your rights.

## ABOUT THE 26TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

The 26th United States Congressional District of Texas is located in the heart of North Texas. The 26th District includes most of [Denton County](#) as well as large portions of [Tarrant County](#), and a sliver of [Dallas County](#).

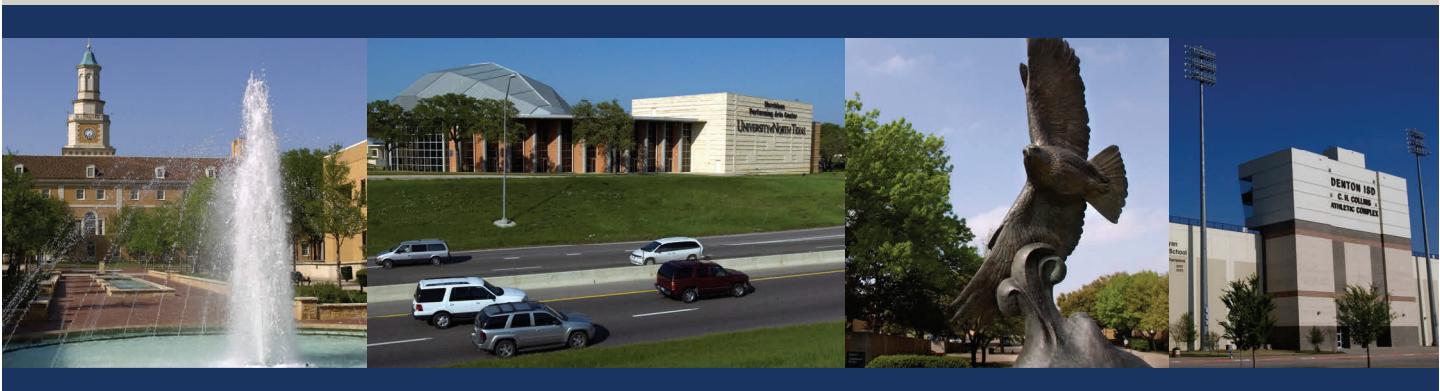
- In Dallas County, I represent the city of [Irving](#).
- In Denton County, I represent the cities of [Argyle](#), [Aubrey](#), [Bartonville](#), [Copper Canyon](#), [Corinth](#), [Corral City](#), [Cross Roads](#), [Denton](#), [DISH](#), [Double Oak](#), [Drop](#), [Flower Mound](#), [Frisco](#), [Hackberry](#), [Haslet](#), [Hickory Creek](#), [Highland Village](#), [Justin](#), [Krugerville](#), [Krum](#), [Lake Dallas](#), [Lakewood Village](#), [Lewisville](#), [Lincoln Park](#), [Little Elm](#), [Northlake](#), [Oak Point](#), [Pilot Point](#), [Ponder](#), [Providence Village](#), [Roanoke](#), [Sanger](#), [Shady Shores](#), [The Colony](#), and [Trophy Club](#).
- In Tarrant County, I represent the cities of [Haltom City](#), [Haslet](#), [Keller](#), [North Richland Hills](#), [Watauga](#), [Westlake](#), and [Fort Worth](#).

The 26th United States Congressional District of Texas continues to flourish. Rapid growth and business expansions from Dallas and the Tarrant County area make the District a thriving economic center. [The University of North Texas](#), [Texas Woman's University](#), and [North Central Texas College](#) anchor a large student base within the District.

The 26th District is also home to the [Barnett Shale](#), the largest field of natural gas reserves in the country, which supports local economic development, jobs, and provides clean energy to the region and the country. Agriculture plays an important role in the 26th District. Ranchers raise horses, beef cattle, sheep and goats, while farmers grow corn, wheat, hay, and other crops. The impact of farming and ranching results in thousands of jobs and a contribution of hundreds of millions of dollars to the regional and statewide economies.

The 26th District is home to the [Federal Emergency Management Agency's Region VI Headquarters](#) in Denton, Texas, which provides assistance to a five-state region: Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico. Its mission is to reduce the loss of life and property, and to protect institutions through an emergency management program of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. It is also home to the Denton Mobile Emergency Response Support Detachment.

Housing the I-35 East and West corridors, the 26th Congressional District is a vital artery for Texas and international transportation. The District houses both the Lakeview Airport, [Denton Municipal Airport](#), [Northwest Regional Airport](#), and [Alliance Airport](#). The 26th also sports the [Texas Motor Speedway](#), which hosts two Nextel-NASCAR events in the spring and fall.



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## 2014 CONSTITUENT SERVICES BY THE NUMBERS

Number of cases opened with various federal agencies: 434

- Veterans Affairs—93
- Citizenship and Immigration Services—105
- Social Security and Medicare—59
- Internal Revenue Service—42
- United States Postal Service—26
- Various other agencies—109

### Events and Meetings:

- Traveled more than 3,500 miles in North Texas
- Held or attended more than 400 events
- Held two town hall meetings, five Health Care Roundtable meetings and three Summits.

### Constituent Correspondence:

- More than 34,000 pieces of correspondence received and responded to

### Other Services Provided:

- U.S. Capitol tours provided to 1,251 people
- Hosted 16 interns in my Washington, D.C. and Texas offices
- Assisted in having 48 flags flown over the U.S. Capitol

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constituent services and  
how my office can assist you.

## TOURS, INTERNSHIPS, AND ASSISTANCE

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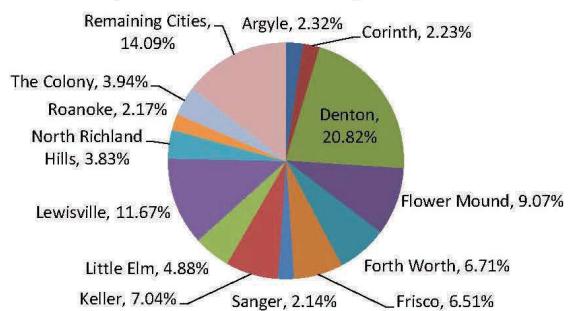
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During 2014, more than 1,251 people received a tour of the U.S. Capitol from a request that was made through my office, including 525 families and groups in requesting tickets for a tour of the White House. In addition, my office assisted in having 48 flags flown over the U.S. Capitol. My Washington and Texas offices hosted 16 college and high school interns from the University of North Texas, Rice University, University of Texas, University of Pennsylvania, Texas Tech University, Texas Christian University, Denison University and Coram Deo Academy (Flower Mound, TX).

## CORRESPONDENCE WITH NORTH TEXANS

Since the beginning of 2014, more than 34,000 North Texans have contacted me through email, letters, phone calls and faxes, to express their concerns and communicate their opinions to me over various topics. Immigration was by far the most common topic of communication with more than 7,700 pieces of correspondence received. That issue was followed by people expressing their concerns over telecommunications, with more than 2,600 pieces of correspondence, and Social Security, with more than 2,080 pieces of correspondence.

### Top Cities for Correspondence



## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

In 2014, I traveled more than 3,500 miles in North Texas. I held or attended more than 400 events, including 25 Chamber of Commerce meetings, 180 health care related meetings and events and 69 meetings that covered everything from transportation, the economy, energy and education. Some events include: the Guyer HS State Football Championship Rally, the Salute Our Veterans visit to the VA with Sam Johnson, the FEMA 50th Anniversary and Opening of the Regional Center in Denton, hosting constituent and Sochi Olympic medal winners in my office, hosting a Guest Chaplin on the House floor, visiting Lackland Air Base and the McAllen intake facility on the border.

Over the course of the year, I held two general town hall meetings in August: Little Elm/Frisco Town Hall at Little Elm High School and Trophy Club/Roanoke Town Hall at Byron Nelson High School.

In addition, I held three summits that brought leaders from the local, state and federal levels together to address key issues facing North Texans.

**Emergency Preparedness Summit:** The 6th Annual Emergency Preparedness Summit was held on Saturday, April 26 at Lewisville High School – Harmon Campus in Lewisville. The keynote speakers were Tony Robinson, Region 6 Administrator for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Larry Mowry, Chief Meteorologist for CBS - 11. The event featured three panels of experts from local, state, and federal organizations and non-profits that provided information on weather, safety, and disaster preparedness. In addition, there was a large fair with indoor booths and outdoor exhibits where weather and disaster specific organizations presented and distributed pertinent consumer information. Also featured was a presentation on West Nile by Dr. Rhonda Love, Assistant MRC Coordinator at the Denton County Health Department. A highlight of the summit was the return appearance and demonstration of a canine team Texas Task Force 2 from the Search Dog Foundation, a national organization that partners rescued dogs with first responders to locate people buried alive in the wreckage of disasters.

**Energy Efficiency Summit:** The 8th Annual Energy Efficiency Summit was held on July 12th at the University of North Texas' Discovery Park in Denton. The state keynote speaker was Texas State Representative Myra Crownover, Vice Chair of the House Energy Resources Committee and the federal keynote speaker was Ron Curry, Region 6 Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The summit featured a panel focusing upon home energy efficiency and ways to save energy in design and construction of buildings and houses. Also featured was a presentation on transit efficiency by Drew Campbell, Senior Partner at Capitol Insight. In addition, there was also a fair with booths providing energy-related information and resources as well as indoor displays featuring fuel efficient vehicles and a solar powered competition car.

**Transportation Summit:** The 12th annual Transportation Summit afforded federal, state and local transportation leaders the opportunity to discuss developments in transit policy and funding. I co-hosted the event with Texas Transportation Commissioner Victor Vandergriff and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), on Monday, November 24th at the University of North Texas Apogee Stadium in Denton. The summit featured video remarks from Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr. (TN-2) – Vice Chairman, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The state keynote speaker was Bill Hale, TxDOT Director of Engineering Operations for Metro Districts. Presenters included Michael Morris, Transportation Director at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), Sean Donohue CEO, D/FW International Airport, Billy Moore with Transportation Transformation Group, and Scott Haywood with Move Texas Forward.



## SPECIAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

### 2014 Congressional Veteran Commendation

The 2014 Congressional Veteran Commendation (CVC) was created in 2005 to honor the distinguished living veterans of Texas' 26th Congressional District. This year's commendations were presented at the 12th annual "Salute Our Veterans" luncheon on November 11th, sponsored by the Highland Village Business Association and the City of Highland Village. Nominations were solicited from the public and those chosen to receive this year's Congressional Veteran Commendation are:

- Charles Correll (Colonel - U.S. Air Force), Denton
- Peter Lane (Colonel - U.S. Air Force), Denton
- Jack Milligan (Lieutenant Colonel - U.S. Army), Highland Village
- Pat Smith (Colonel - U.S. Air Force), Denton
- William Splichal (Chief Warrant Officer 4 - U.S. Army), Trophy Club

### U.S. Service Academies

On April 5th, I co-hosted the North Texas Academies Forum with 10 other congressional offices to inform high school students about the U.S. Service Academies. More than 500 students and parents attended. Students requesting appointments to the U.S. Service Academies are rigorously evaluated on a variety of criteria including academic performance, leadership qualifications and physical preparedness. The 26th District Service Academy Board, comprised of academy graduates and representatives from higher education and the community, is chaired by Lt. General Charles R. Hamm, retired former Superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy and 26th district resident. The Board recommends to me for nomination those outstanding service academy candidates selected by conducting comprehensive screenings and personal interviews.

In May, 22 students from the 26th District of Texas who accepted appointments to the U.S. Service Academies were honored at a reception hosted by the City of Denton, the Denton Airport and the Denton Airshow. I presented the appointees with a Special Certificate of Congressional Recognition and an American flag flown over the U.S. Capitol in honor of their appointments. Special guests at the reception were U.S. Congressman Sam Graves (MO-6) and 2014 West Point graduates, U.S. Army 2nd Lieutenants Donald LeBlanc of The Colony and Damon Paulo of Keller.



### 12th Annual High School Art Competition: "An Artistic Discovery"

The art competition was open to public, private and home-schooled high school students residing in or attending schools in the district. The competition was judged by professional artist and instructor Jo Williams. Williams reviewed the posted artwork and determined the contest finalists based upon artistic merit and execution.

This year marked the third year that entries were submitted digitally by art teachers on behalf of their students. This provided an opportunity for a "Texas Choice" winner to be selected by popular vote in the virtual gallery on my website, bur-gess.house.gov. More than 1,500 individuals cast votes for their favorite artwork. Brittney Boyd, a Prestonwood Christian Academy student taught by Brenda Robson was the winner of this category for her photograph "Monochromatic Bird."

I honored the finalists with a "Certificate of Congressional Recognition" at a reception in April at the Center for the Visual Arts in Denton hosted by the art competition's co-sponsor, The Greater Denton Arts Council. Ah Yeong Cho, a junior art student taught by James Neiswender at Marcus High School in Flower Mound, won the Grand Prize in the 2014 competition with her pencil and prismacolor drawing entitled "Release Me." As the Grand Prize winner, Cho will have her artwork displayed for an entire year in the U.S. Capitol and attend the national ceremony in Washington, DC in June honoring the winning artists from congressional districts all over the country.

In addition, Ye Jee Kim, a senior at Lewisville High School taught by Janet Cranston, won First Place for her oil painting "Blue Bag." Kim's piece will be displayed in my Lake Dallas district office for the next year.

# LEGISLATIVE WORK



## SNAPSHOT OF LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Participated in 59 hearings in the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Participated in 57 Hearings in the Rules Committee
- Participated in more than 17 markups in the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Cast 556 votes, a 98.8% attendance record
- Co-sponsored 241 bills
- Member of the Helsinki Commission

## SPONSORED LEGISLATION

- H.R. 3903, the Foreign Medical School Accountability Fairness Act of 2014, introduced on January 16, 2014, would eliminate the exemption of certain foreign medical schools from the prohibition on foreign medical schools participating in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan program.
- H.R. 4036 would prohibit the Central Intelligence Agency from using an unmanned aerial vehicle to carry out a weapons strike or other deliberately lethal action and to transfer the authority to conduct such strikes or lethal action to the Department of Defense.
- H.R. 4385, introduced on April 3, 2014, would create a maternity care health professional shortage area under the National Health Service Corps. We worked closely with the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American College of Nurse-Midwives and introduced this legislation with Rep. Capps (D-CA).
- H.R. 4389, the Equal Protection for American Workers Act, would prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from issuing work visas to individuals who have been found to be illegal in the country.
- H.R. 4530 would require the Secretary of State to offer rewards of up to \$5,000,000 for information regarding the attacks on the United States diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya.

## **SPONSORED LEGISLATION CONTINUED**

- H.R. 4777, the Health Savings Act (HSA), was introduced. This legislation reforms current law surrounding HSA protecting them from bankruptcy proceedings, allowing children to have HSA's established by a parent or guardian, increases the HSA yearly contribution limits for an individual and a family, and liberalizes who can be left an HSA upon the death of the beneficiary. The bill is supported by Americans for Tax Reform and has been positively received in the district.
- H.R. 5141, the Unaccompanied Alien Child (UAC) Assistance Control Act, would reduce foreign aid by \$15,000 per UAC who illegally crosses the U.S. border and is originally from Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Mexico.
- H.R. 5315 would authorize the President to transfer certain military equipment on a lease basis to the government of Ukraine. The bill would take the military equipment that is coming back from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and lease it to Ukraine. Enumerated in the bill is specific military equipment. Also, specified is that the bill is not an authorization for use of military force.
- H.R. 5539, the Sunshine Act, introduced with Rep. Schwartz (D-PA), would exclude the reporting money spent to provide physicians and teaching hospitals with educational materials, such as medical journals and textbooks, as well as on CME. This bill has received considerable support throughout the medical community and the medical academic industry.

## **SPONSORED LEGISLATION AS LEAD REPUBLICAN**

- H.R. 5263, the Living Donor Bill, was introduced in July 2014, with Congressman Nadler (D-NY). The legislation would eliminate some of the barriers living donors face when deciding to donate organs. This bill has received considerable support from the transplant community.
- H.R. 4695 was introduced with Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL). The bill would include sleep apnea screening as part of the initial preventative physical screening under the Medicare program.

## **LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2014**

- 21st Century Cures: The Energy and Commerce Committee personally reached out to my office to receive input on interests and priorities on the 21st Century Cures Initiative discuss legislative priorities for it. Dr. Burgess attended multiple round tables and hearings related to 21st Century Cures in Washington, DC. He also attended round tables throughout the country on various topics related to the initiative, including in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas, and North Carolina.
- Mahmood Case: Dr. Tariq Mahmood is the owner of a chain of Texas hospitals. He committed fraud to illegally obtain money to implement an electronic health care system through the meaningful use incentive program. My office worked with the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations to send a letter to HHS inquiring about how this fraud went undetected for several years, despite warnings. I received two briefings on the case, the last one taking place on April 9, 2014. Dr. Mahmood was convicted on 15 counts of fraud by a federal grand jury on July 24, 2014.
- Impact Aid: The 26th district has a large area of federally-owned property, a majority of which is Corps land located around Lake Lewisville. A large portion of the Federal Corps land is located in the Lake Dallas school district. Since local property taxes are not paid on this land, the federal government compensates the school districts for this loss of revenue. In past years the District has received close to \$200,000 from the federal government for impact aid. Staff worked closely with the school district and Congress to raise this as an issue of importance to Dr. Burgess and ensure funding has continued annually, despite President Obama's attempts to zero-out the program in his annual budget.

## LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED

- Unaccompanied Minors: I cosponsored two bills which focused on the Unaccompanied Child (UAC) notification, authored by Rep. Pete Olson (R-TX) and suspension of foreign aid, authored by Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX). I co-sponsored H.R. 5137, The Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act, sponsored by Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT), which would end many of the Obama Administration's policies that encourage Central Americans to come to the United States, such as changing weak standards for asylum claims. Furthermore, the bill would allow Border Patrol agents access to federal lands, forbid the use of tax dollars for lawyers and would authorize at least 50 more immigration judges. I advocated that the language be included in a broader package of UAC reform to Leadership and it was included in the package. I co-sponsored H.R. 5143, The Protection of Children Act of 2014, introduced by Congressman Carter (R-TX), which would close many of the loopholes within current law like removing the distinction between contiguous/non-contiguous countries for deportation, require judicial hearings within 14 days, would require investigations, including legal status and removal of undocumented relatives. I advocated that the language be included in a broader package of UAC reform to Leadership and it was included in the package. I met with Mr. Eskinder Negash, Director of Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to talk about the UAC. I traveled to Joint Base San Antonio (Lackland) and toured the facility that ORR has leased from the DoD. I also traveled to Weslaco to tour the CPB facility, where the first initial screenings of UACs are done before being transported. In addition met with the White House specifically to discuss the UACs and border situation. I held a meeting with Congressional Leadership to bring up concerns regarding UACs and border security, and participated in a House Energy and Commerce Committee briefing where I questioned administration officials on UAC policy.
- Ebola: This year, I did extensive work on the Ebola outbreak in Western Africa. On September 17, 2014, I was invited by Chairman Chris Smith (R-NJ) to attend a Foreign Affairs Committee hearing that the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations was putting on. I met Fort Worth-based Ebola survivor Dr. Kent Brantly at the hearing. On October 4, 2014, I was also invited to attend the Homeland Security Committee's field hearing on Ebola, held at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport and had extensive discussions with Administration officials. I worked closely with the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) Dr. Frieden on the issue of Ebola and also spoke with the Departments of Homeland Security and State on issues surrounding the nation's borders and travel
- I have continued to shine a spotlight on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and its policy of hiring employees under a policy designed for Health and Human Services researchers, allowing the EPA to pay nearly unlimited salaries to certain employees.
- Chairman Upton has asked me to take a lead role from a committee perspective in reviewing and responding to EPA's expected revision of its Ozone regulations, proposed in December 2014, under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.



## **SPONSORED LEGISLATION OFFERED ON BEHALF OF THE RULES COMMITTEE ON THE HOUSE FLOOR**

- In 2014, I managed 11 Rules on the House floor, providing for the consideration of key pieces of legislation pertaining to health care and energy policy. In the 113th Congress as a whole, I managed 18 Rules on the House floor, making me one of the most active members of the committee.

## **SPONSORED LEGISLATION THAT HAS ADVANCED THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS**

- H.R. 4080 the “Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act,” introduced with Congressman Gene Green (D-TX).
- H.R. 594, the Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments Act (MD CARE Act) with Rep. Elliot Engel (D-NY). The President signed it into law on September 26, 2014.

## **AMENDMENTS OFFERED IN THE ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

- Manager amendments were offered to HR 2810, the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) Repeal and Medicare Beneficiary Access Act of 2013, on July 23, 2014, and July 31, 2014, at both subcommittee and full committee, and each were accepted by voice vote.
- I sought changes to H.R. 4069, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Reform Act, introduced by Rep. Blackburn (R-TN) and Rep. Marino (R-PA). The bill was reintroduced as H.R. 4709 with a DEA working group removed, as well as requiring pharmaceutical distributors to administer mandatory background checks and drug tests.
- Manager and technical amendments were made to H.R. 4080 and H.R. 594 and accepted by voice vote.

## **AMENDMENTS OFFERED IN THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE**

- I supported key amendments to major pieces of legislation so that they could be considered by the full House, including having an amendment made in order to the 2014 National Defense Authorization Act which would require the Department of Defense (DOD) to report to congress on its progress in passing an audit. Despite a 1990 law requiring this action, the DOD has yet to achieve an audit and be accountable for its spending.



## OFFERED AMENDMENTS ON THE HOUSE FLOOR

- H.AMDT. 1020: The House of Representatives accepted this amendment to the Energy & Water Appropriations bill to prohibit the enforcement of the 2007 Energy law which banned the sale of 90-watt incandescent light bulbs. This amendment has been accepted every year since 2011 and has prevented the Department of Energy from enforcing its ban on the sale of these light bulbs ever since, protecting consumer freedom and choice. The amendment prohibits the use of funds to implement or enforce provisions with respect to BPAR, BR and ER incandescent reflector lamps. An amendment numbered 17 is printed in the Congressional Record to prohibit the use of funds to implement or enforce section 430.32 (x), with respect to light bulbs. The amendment was agreed to by vote of 226-193.
- H.AMDT.1022: I offered an amendment to the Energy & Water Appropriations bill which would have prohibited federal funding to the United States Enrichment Corporation (now Centrus), a uranium-enrichment plant which declared bankruptcy in early 2014, yet continues to receive federal subsidies. The amendment was withdrawn due to a Point of Order offered on the floor.
- H.AMDT 803: I offered an amendment to prohibit the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) from issuing permits to any individual or entity which seeks to use a weaponized drone in domestic airspace. The amendment was objected to on the floor under a point of order.

## SAMPLE OF LETTERS SENT

- Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and I led an annual letter to House Appropriators calling for full funding in the Defense Appropriations bill for critical multiple sclerosis research.
- Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA) and I led an annual letter to House Appropriators calling for robust funding for the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program.
- Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO) and I led an annual letter to House Appropriators calling for full funding of the Title VII health care workers financial assistance program for workforce development, which provides essential education and training for needed health care workers.
- Rep. Gene Green (D-TX) and I led a letter to House Appropriators calling for full funding for emergency trauma centers throughout the country. This letter paralleled my effort to reauthorize these programs through the Energy & Commerce Committee.
- Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ) and I led a letter to Administrator of CMS Marilyn Tavenner regarding a recent CMS proposal concerning reporting requirements for payments related to continuing medical education (CME) under the Physician Payment Sunshine Act's Open Payments program. We encouraged the agency to exempt from its reporting requirements and payments related to the support of certified CME in order to ensure robust physician participation in this important activity.
- On January 10, I joined a letter led by Congressman Frank R. Wolf (R-VA) and Congressman Jim Gerlach (R-PA) with two other members of Congress to Speaker John Boehner, concerning H. Res. 36, the establishment of a committee to investigate the attack on the United States' consulate in Benghazi, Libya. We supported a small committee of House Republicans with law enforcement and prosecutorial experience that will undergo a thorough review of the current committee's investigatory activities. It was believed that this will determine if there are gaps in the existing process and enable development of approaches to better facilitate it.
- On January 24, I joined a letter led by Congressman Bill Posey (R-FL) and Congressman Jeff Duncan (R-SC) with 30 other members of Congress to Attorney General Eric Holder Jr. regarding the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate the IRS's illegal targeting of conservative groups. We opposed the investigation led by Barbara Bosserman due to her partisan beliefs and campaign donations. We requested that the special prosecutor be someone with integrity beyond reproach and not a major financial donor to any political campaign.

## SAMPLE OF LETTERS SENT CONTINUED

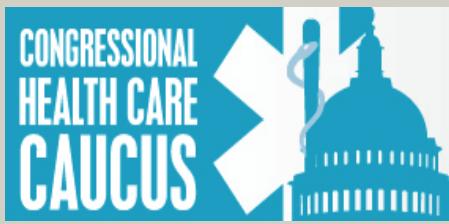
- On March 5, I joined a letter led by Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-VA) and Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD) along with 226 other members of Congress to President Obama supporting Obama in requiring Iran to dismantle its nuclear weapons related infrastructure. Iran must verify a Safeguards Agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency, ratify and implement the Additional Protocol, answer pending IAEA questions, and comply with the transparency measures requested by the Director General of the IAEA.
- On March 27, I joined a letter led by Congressman Ralph Hall (R-TX) along with 4 other Congressman to President Barack Obama supporting Governor Rick Perry's January 17, 2014 request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration. The state of Texas was denied major disaster declaration by FEMA on February 11, 2014 because their damage estimate was lower than the threshold. The state's damage estimate was \$14.1 million higher than FEMA's. We requested that the President reexamines the methodology used to determine the FEMA estimate and reconsider Texas' request for major disaster declaration.
- On April 10, I led a letter with Pete Olson (R-TX) and four other Congressmen to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy regarding the National Ambient Air Quality Standards set by the EPA. We were concerned that the continued amendments to these standards discourage economic development and are not clearly expressed by the agency and requested a description of several topics including the timeframe and specifics of these rules from the EPA.
- On April 14, i joined a letter led by Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) along with seven other senators and two members of Congress to Secretary of State John Kerry, supporting the NATO decision to suspend military and civilian cooperation with Russia, asking that Secretary Kerry terminate all current defense contracts with Russia and encourage NATO and OSCE allies to take similar actions as a means of deterring further Russian aggression and strengthening the impact of our targeted economic sanctions against Russia.
- On May 9, I joined a letter led by Congressman Mike Honda (D-CA) and 173 other members of congress to President Obama regarding the recent abduction of over 200 girls in Nigeria. We were concerned by the human rights violations being committed by the foreign terrorist organization Boko Haram and urged the United States to address they pose to international peace and security.
- On May 13, I signed a letter led by Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX) and 12 other members of Congress to Acting Inspector General of the Department of Veteran's Affairs Richard Griffin regarding allegations that employees at the North Central Federal Clinic in San Antonio, Austin Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic, and the Waco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, manipulated medical appointment data in order to conceal long wait times for veterans seeking care. We requested that these claims of misconduct are thoroughly and expeditiously investigated and reported back to Congress.
- On June 27, I signed a letter led by Rep. John Carter (R-TX) and 23 members of the Texas Delegation to President Obama to express our concern regarding the national security crisis on the southern border and requesting the President take immediate action to address the situation.

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## SAMPLE OF LETTERS SENT CONTINUED

- On July 2, I signed a letter led by Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA) and 34 other members of Congress to President Obama regarding the unprecedented surge of UACs at the US southwest border. We encouraged the administration to immediately end the failed policies encouraging young people to put themselves in peril and make the dangerous journey to enter the US illegally. The signers request DACA (Deferred action for Childhood Arrivals) be ended and for the administration to make an explicit public commitment that it will not support legislation that extends legal status to newly arriving illegal immigrants no matter the age.
- On July 9, I signed a letter led by Congressman Charles Dent (R-PA) and joined by 10 other members of Congress to President Obama regarding the grave threat Iran's nuclear program poses to the national security of the United States and our allies. The signers urged the President to consult with Congress on a potential sanctions relief package as the July 20 deadline for a "comprehensive solution" to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon approached.
- On July 23, I signed a letter led by Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO) and 27 other members of Congress to the Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to encourage the FTC to work cooperatively with the payments industry to advance the common goal of protecting consumers from fraudulent merchants. We were concerned that the Commission may be considering a more aggressive stance on holding payment processors liable for the acts of merchants, meaning payment processors would likely decline to provide services to high-risk but lawful companies like small businesses. We urged the FTC to recognize the value of industry guidelines and pursue a collaborative approach to protect consumers from fraudulent activities.
- On August 1, I signed a letter led by Congressman Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and 14 other members of Congress to Chairman of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Tom Wheeler to address the hindrances caused to public and private business practices due to the outdated Telephone Consumers Protection Act (TCPA) which is being unfairly applied. The signers urge the FCC to act on ACA International's petition to modernize the TCPA by enacting common-sense reforms to facilitate the delivery of time-sensitive consumer information to mobile devices while continuing to protect consumers.
- On October 7, I signed a letter led by Rep. Richard Nugent (R-FL) and four other members of Congress to President Obama regarding the protocols and procedures that exist or are being put in place to protect the United States and international community from the threat of the Ebola virus. We asked the administration to provide information related to questions regarding treatment, screening, and travel restrictions.
- On October 21, I signed a letter led by Rep. Phil Roe (R-TN) and 14 other members of the Congressional Doctors Caucus to President Obama regarding the consideration of a temporary travel ban for individuals who are citizens of, or traveled to, West African countries affected by the Ebola virus. We believed containment was key to stopping the spread of this highly contagious and deadly disease and support the recommended 21-day quarantine for American citizens exposed to Ebola before they could enter the country and pledged our commitment to working with the administration and health professionals to protect Americans at home and abroad.
- On October 30, I signed a letter led by Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) to HHS Secretary Sylvia Burwell regarding the government's response to the spread of the Ebola virus from an outbreak in West Africa to a contagion in Texas. We were concerned by the mistakes made by US public health officials despite legislation and funding to prevent these exact situations and requested detailed answers to a list of questions regarding planning, policy, and protocol.

## CONGRESSIONAL HEALTH CARE CAUCUS



I founded the Congressional Health Caucus at the beginning of the 111th Congress and have served as its Chair since its inception. The Caucus strives to educate Republican Members and staff on the issues surrounding health care policy, to equip them with resources for serving the American people, to prepare them to communicate effectively, to foster productive debate and to receive input from those outside of Washington. Membership in the Caucus is open to all Members of the House Republican Conference and their staff. The Caucus hosts regular briefings and forums for Members and staff, as well as providing timely resources. Occasionally, bi-partisan briefings are also held. Congressman Tom Price, a fellow physician from Georgia's 6th Congressional district, was the official Co-Chair of the Caucus for the 113th Congress.

### **ACA Litigation**

This year, I held a breakfast roundtable for Members with Michael Cannon of the Cato Institute and Ken Cuccinelli. Both were integral in ACA litigation efforts, and they discussed upcoming legislative challenges to the law in June 2014. A few weeks later, courts began to uphold Mr. Cannon's lawsuit challenging the ability for the government to provide subsidies to individuals to obtain coverage through Federally Facilitated Exchanges. If these rulings are upheld in later court decisions, the Exchange markets will likely collapse in much of the country.

### **Bill Kristol**

In July 2014, Bill Kristol came to speak to Members about potential replacement proposals for the ACA. The need for expanding HSAs was an integral portion of all the replacement plans. Dr. Burgess' HSA bill was promoted during this discussion.

## NOTABLE HEALTH CARE EVENTS

### **Events outside D.C.**

During the month of August, I hosted health care roundtables throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth metro area. These health care roundtables brought together health care providers, hospital administrators, policy makers, local government leaders, and business leaders in the community to discuss the effects of the Affordable Care Act and allow attendees to express concerns and ask questions of me.

- THR/Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Alliance Forum: Following my presentation at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Alliance, executives of Premier asked me to lead a smaller roundtable discussion on specific areas of health care policy. I discussed my work on solving the way Medicare pays physicians and discussed the outlook for the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in 2014.
- Lewisville/Flower Mound/Denton Chamber and Highland Village Business Association Breakfast Roundtable: At this event, I was joined by Mr. Ross Carmichael from Higginbotham, a business insurance and compliance firm in Texas. Mr. Carmichael provided a thorough overview of the complex regulations in the Affordable Care Act and informed the small businesses of the various consequences of noncompliance with the law. During my presentation, I discussed my perspective on the larger implications of the implementation of the health care law. I also discussed my solutions for health care reform that would have the same adverse consequences as the ACA.

### **Other events hosted in Texas**

- THR/Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton Roundtable
- Northwest Metroport Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Forum

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# MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS



## SNAPSHOT OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 968 newspaper articles or blogs mentions published
  - 567 on health care
  - 72 on economy, jobs, and spending
  - 64 on energy and the environment
- 69 press releases issued
- 43 e-newsletters sent
- 79 YouTube videos posted
- 43 weekly video addresses published
- 62 newspaper and magazine interviews
- 88 radio interviews
  - 22 appearances on local stations
  - 66 appearances on nationally syndicated shows
- 106 television interviews
  - 18 on local stations
  - 11 on Fox Business
  - 20 on Fox News
  - 9 on MSNBC
  - 5 on CNBC
  - 9 on CNN



## PRESS RELEASES



In 2014, I sent out 69 press releases. Below are a few examples:

- [Burgess Statement on President's Changes to NSA Program](#) January 17, 2014
- [Burgess Statement on House Republicans' Principles on Future Immigration Legislation](#) January 31, 2014
- [Burgess Introduces Legislation to Limit CIA's Authority to Carry Out Drone Strikes, Transfer Authority to DOD](#) February 14, 2014
- [Burgess, Green Introduce Trauma Reauthorization Bill](#) February 26, 2014
- [GOP Doctor's Caucus Supports Burgess' Legislation to Repeal, Replace SGR](#) February 28, 2014
- [House Votes to Repeal, Replace Medicare's Sustainable Growth Rate](#) March 24, 2014
- [Burgess Statement on Delay of March 31 ACA Enrollment Deadline](#) March 26, 2014
- [VIDEO: Burgess Shares Thoughts on Tragedy at Fort Hood](#) April 4, 2014
- [Burgess on Lois Lerner Contempt Vote: 'It is a Shame We Have Gotten to This Point'](#) May 7, 2014
- [Burgess, Texas Members Call for IG Investigation into VA](#) May 13, 2014
- [Burgess Monitors Elections in Ukraine](#) May 26, 2014
- [Burgess Introduces Legislation to Expand Use of Health Savings Accounts](#) May 30, 2014
- [Burgess, Markey Release Report Showing DOE Acted Without Authority, Wasted Taxpayer Dollars](#) June 9, 2014
- [Burgess: Hobby Lobby Decision Reaffirms American Commitment to First Amendment Rights](#) June 30, 2014
- [Burgess Statement on Lawsuit Against the President](#) July 16, 2014
- [Texas GOP to Obama: 'A Country That Has Lost Control of Its Borders Has Lost Control of Its Future'](#) July 24, 2014
- [Burgess Statement on Gov. Rick Perry Indictment](#) August 18, 2014
- [Burgess' MD CARE Act Signed Into Law](#) September 26, 2014
- [Suspicion Confirmed: Patient Tested Positive for Ebola in Dallas](#) September 30, 2014
- [Burgess: 'I Want to Make Sure We Are Doing Everything in Our Power to Stop Ebola'](#) October 16, 2014
- [Burgess Statement on President's Immigration Announcement](#) November 20, 2014

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# WEEKLY VIDEO ADDRESSES

- [Legislative Agenda](#) January 3, 2014
- [ACA Website Security](#) January 10, 2014
- [ACA Accountability Failures](#) January 17, 2014
- [IRS Investigation](#) January 24, 2014
- [State of the Union — A Year of Action](#) January 29, 2014
- [Amnesty By Any Other Name is Still Amnesty](#) February 14, 2014
- [Benghazi Update](#) February 21, 2014
- [Drone Legislation](#) February 28, 2014
- [The Ukraine](#) March 7, 2014
- [General Motors Recall](#) March 14, 2014
- [ENFORCE Act](#) March 21, 2014
- [Fort Hood Tragedy](#) April 4, 2014
- [House Budget Resolution](#) April 11, 2014
- [The Case for a Flat Tax](#) April 17, 2014



- [Emergency Preparedness Summit](#) April 24, 2014
- [Healthcare.gov is Still a Disaster](#) May 2, 2014
- [Benghazi](#) May 9, 2014
- [Graduation Season](#) May 16, 2014
- [Memorial Day](#) May 23, 2014
- [Ukraine Elections](#) May 30, 2014

- [HSA Legislation](#) June 6, 2014
- [Prisoner Swap](#) June 12, 2014
- [Crisis on the Texas Border](#) June 20, 2014
- [Lackland Trip Recap](#) June 27, 2014
- [Independence Day](#) July 3, 2014
- [Iraq Update](#) July 11, 2014
- [GOP Lawsuit Against the President](#) July 18, 2014
- [Supporting Israel](#) July 25, 2014
- [District Work Week Recap](#) August 9, 2014
- [Living Organ Donor Bill](#) August 14, 2014



## WEEKLY VIDEO ADDRESSES CONTINUED

- [MD CARE Act](#) August 21, 2014
- [ISIS](#) September 12, 2014
- [Ebola](#) September 19, 2014
- [Ukraine Update](#) September 26, 2014
- [Breast Cancer Awareness](#) October 3, 2014



- [Ebola Field Hearing](#) October 11, 2014
- [Ebola Hearing Recap](#) October 17, 2014
- [Election Day](#) October 31, 2014
- [Preventing Another Cold War](#) November 14, 2014
- [New Congress, New Priorities](#) November 21, 2014
- [Presidential Overreach on Immigration](#) December 5, 2014

- [Purple Hearts for Victims of Fort Hood](#) December 12, 2014
- [Christmas](#) December 19, 2014



## AWARDS RECEIVED

I am honored to have been awarded credentials from organizations and groups for the common-sense and pro-growth work I do on behalf of North Texas. A few of the awards I received this year come from the following groups and associations:

The American Conservative Union, The Trauma Center Association, of America America's Essential Hospitals, the National Retail Federation, the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, The American Society of Transplant Surgeons, The Congressional Management Foundation 'Golden Mouse Award,' etc.

## FLOOR STATEMENTS

Here are some of the floor statements I made this year.

- [Benghazi](#) May 9, 2014
- [Overcrowding in Emergency Rooms](#) June 9, 2014
- [Crisis on the Texas Border](#) June 12, 2014
- [Burgess: “The President Needs to Come to the TX Border”](#) July 9, 2014
- [Halbig v. Burwell](#) July 22, 2014
- [Burgess: “We Need More Transparency”](#) November 12, 2014
- [Richard Fisher’s Job Well Done](#) November 17, 2014



## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Here is some footage from speeches and events from this year.



- [Little Elm Town Hall Meeting](#) August 4, 2014
- [Trophy Club Town Hall Meeting](#) August 5, 2014
- [Healthcare Talk Part 1](#) July 30, 2014
- [Healthcare Talk Part 2](#) July 30, 2014
- [Healthcare Talk Part 3](#) July 30, 2014
- [Texas WWII Veterans “Honor Flight”](#) October 8, 2014



## TELEVISION APPEARANCES

Here are a few of the 106 television interviews that I gave this year:

- [Fox News’ “Huckabee”: Benghazi](#) May 5, 2014
- [Fox Business’ “The Willis Report”: General Motors](#) May 29, 2014
- [Fox News: EPA Regulations](#) June 2, 2014
- [Fox News “Fox and Friends”: Crisis on the Border](#) July 23, 2014
- [Fox 4 KDFW: Crisis on the Border](#) July 23, 2014
- [WFAA “Inside Texas Politics”: Live from the TX Border](#) July 23, 2014
- [Fox News: Ebola Crisis](#) September 16, 2014
- [MSNBC’s “Morning Joe”: Ebola](#) October 1, 2014
- [CNN: Ebola Crisis](#) October 1, 2014
- [CNN with Wolf Blitzer: Ebola](#) October 14, 2014
- [CNBC “Morning Bell”: Ebola](#) October 14, 2014
- [Fox News: Ebola Crisis](#) October 13, 2014
- [MSNBC’s “Morning Joe”: Ebola](#) October 13, 2014



- [Fox Business: Ebola](#) October 14, 2014
- [MSNBC with Jose Diaz-Balart: Ebola](#) October 14, 2014
- [CNN’s “CNN Tonight”: Ebola](#) October 15, 2014
- [Fox News’ “Hannity”: Ebola](#) October 16, 2014
- [Fox Business’ “Varney and Co.”: Ebola](#) October 17, 2014
- [Fox Business “The Willis Report”: Ebola](#) October 21, 2014

- [Fox News “Huckabee”: Ebola](#) October 21, 2014
- [CNN: Ebola](#) October 30, 2014

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