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## LETTER FROM THE CONGRESSMAN

Dear Friends,

This week I am looking forward to a number of events in the District, including reading to children at Georgetown Pediatric, speaking to a Lions Club, a Chamber meeting, and a Communities in Schools event.

The issues that I hear about from my constituents while I am out in the District helps me to better represent our Central Texas values in Washington. I know many of you are concerned about border security and immigration. I am still strongly urging action on the House border security bill that will strengthen our efforts on the border. Passing the Kennedy-Reid version that the Senate approved will not only hurt our border security efforts, it would increase government spending by as much as \$127 billion over the next decade according to new CBO estimates. You can be assured that I will work with my colleagues to keep this legislation from passing the House.

In this week's Courier, read about some of the other issues I've been working on and events I've attended while in the District.

Until next week,

## SECURING OUR NATION

The recent foiled terrorist plot serves as a shocking reminder that we must be diligent in securing our nation. British authorities arrested at least 21 extremists, alleged to have engaged in a plot to detonate bombs onboard multiple aircraft with flight plans from Britain to the United States. Although this sophisticated plot was centered in Britain, evidence indicates that this plot crossed international borders.

The thwarted U.K. plot was a major success in defending innocent lives. U.S., British, and other intelligence and law enforcement professionals worked together using all legal means available to disrupt a potentially devastating attack.

While the arrests in the U.K. are significant to protecting our nation against this plot, we must continue to be diligent in efforts to secure our homeland. This is a global conflict. Recent events highlight that deliberately and effectively we are developing a strategy to respond to a dangerous and different kind of enemy than the U.S. has ever faced before.

The most recent terrorist plot against the U.S. was only one in a long list of radical terrorist plots. In recent weeks, Hezbollah and Hamas have both attacked Israel. In June, a plot by terrorists to storm the Canadian parliament and behead the prime minister was disrupted. In November 2005, authorities foiled a terrorist attack in Australia. Fifty-two people were murdered by suicide bombers on London's public transportation system on July 7,

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2005. A series of terrorist bombings killed 192 people in Madrid, Spain on March 11, 2004. Al Qaeda planned and launched the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, from Afghanistan. In 1998, al Qaeda killed 220 people when it bombed the U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya. Hezbollah killed 241 U.S. soldiers in a 1983 bombing in Lebanon. These are just a few examples in a much longer list.

Today, we are all-too aware of the dangers we face. We have seen the damage terrorists can cause; and we know that our enemies will continue to test our resolve.

My colleagues and I have been working to strengthen national security through a number of policies. For example, we renewed expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, which provides law enforcement with the necessary tools to help prevent terror attacks from occurring—the same tools used to foil the recent plot to bomb planes bound for the U.S. from Britain.

We also boosted funding for local first responder programs by more than \$30 billion. The House passed critical reforms of our intelligence community, changing the way intelligence is gathered and analyzed, and bolstering funding for human intelligence operatives.

We approved the Security & Accountability For Every (SAFE) Port Act which requires the Department of Homeland Security to deploy nuclear and radiological detection systems at all domestic seaports. The Container Security Initiative (CSI) and the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) are geared towards ensuring high-risk cargo is inspected abroad at foreign ports, preventing threats from ever reaching the United States.

In December 2005, the House passed crucial border security legislation designed to prevent terrorists from entering the country illegally. Finally, we passed the REAL ID Act which will help prevent potential terrorists from acquiring state-issued drivers' licenses and ID cards -- a key 9/11 Commission recommendation.

As we fight for freedom and democracy in a post 9/11 world, we must remember that we are confronting an enemy that hides in the shadows and seeks to harm innocent Americans. The scale of attacks targeted at free societies requires a comprehensive approach including law enforcement, intensive intelligence, and military activity for success. We cannot become complacent; instead, we must maintain our resolve to protect American families and win the War on Terror.

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### **CARTER HONORS ROUND ROCK EAGLE SCOUT**

I was pleased to honor Travis Lawrence of Round Rock for his outstanding achievement of earning the rank of Eagle Scout. I presented Travis with a flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol building and a certificate in recognition of his Eagle Scout rank.



Travis ripped down old storage buildings behind his church and rebuilt them for his Eagle Scout project.

Travis's hard work and dedication will serve him well in his future endeavors and I wish him the best of luck.

The prestigious performance-based award is the highest rank in Scouting. To become an Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. This high honor is only attained by about five percent of all Boy Scouts.

*\*PHOTO: Congressman Carter and Travis Lawrence at Carter's Round Rock office.*



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## **CARTER: SMALL BUSINESSES CRITICAL TO GROWTH IN CENTRAL TEXAS**

In a time of unprecedented national economic success, Central Texas is also experiencing rapid economic growth. Small businesses play an important role in our economy, and I was pleased to meet many of our area's small businessmen and women during the first annual Central Texas Business Procurement Conference hosted by the Texas State Small Business Development Center.

I understand the value of small businesses, and I am working in Congress to give small businesses the ability to become big business. Small businesses are crucial to a booming economy—more than 90 percent of all American employers are small businesses.

We continue to address the critical issues facing our nation's small businesses—tax reform, litigation reform, health care, reduction of regulations and paperwork, and increased access to capital and government procurement.

I also recently voted in favor of a bill that eliminates the unfair death tax for estates valued at \$5 million or less. The House approved a bill to remove tax barriers that make it nearly impossible for small, family-businesses to succeed from generation to generation.

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## **CARTER ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$1.5 MILLION FOR CENTRAL TEXAS EDUCATION**

*Grant will benefit Taylor ISD*

I was pleased to recently announce a grant totaling \$1.68 million that will benefit Taylor ISD, as well as Austin ISD. The Transition to Teaching grant is being awarded to the Region XIII Education Service Center, which is partnering with Taylor and Austin Independent School Districts. This five year grant from the U.S. Department of Education will assist in efforts to recruit and retain high school math and science teachers. Region XIII Education Service Center is working with the University of Texas and Skill Point in offering training and support to educators.

I believe that investing in our teachers and students means investing in the future of our nation. This federal grant will give students in Central Texas the training they need to succeed in a 21st century economy. The Education Service Center will work with Taylor ISD to accomplish this by implementing project-based and problem-based learning. I applaud the Education Service Center for their hard work to ensure our children receive a quality education.

Region XIII Education Service Center is one of 20 service centers that serve the Texas educational needs. We are a non-regulatory agency; our relationship with school districts is collaborative and supportive. The purpose of this agency is to support teachers and administrators in educating Texas children.

## **REMINDER COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS FOR AUGUST**

Congressman Carter's *staff* will hold community office hours at the following time and location. The staff will be able to meet with residents to listen to their concerns and provide assistance with regard to federal issues and federal agencies.

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 24th**

**2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

#### **Hico**

Hico City Hall  
120 West First Street  
Hico, Texas

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 24th**

**9:00 am - 11:00 am**

#### **Stephenville**

Stephenville City Hall  
298 West Washington  
Stephenville, Texas



# Kids' Page

## REPRESENTATIVES

### WHO HAVE BEEN PRESIDENTS QUIZ

Below are the names and descriptions of 4 Representatives who also served as U.S. Presidents. Match the descriptions with the names!

**James Buchanan**  
**Abraham Lincoln**  
**Franklin Pierce**  
**John Tyler**

1) In 1816 he moved with his parents to Little Pigeon Creek, Indiana, where he periodically attended a log-cabin school. He was also self-taught.

He served in the State House for four consecutive terms and practiced law during this time.

He was shot by an assassin in Washington, D.C., on April 14, 1865, and died the following day.

Who is he? \_\_\_\_\_

2) He was one of the first volunteers in the War of 1812 and served in the defense of Baltimore.

He served his State House and then was elected to the 17th to 21st Congresses.

After serving as President, he retired to his home, Wheatland, near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he died June 1, 1868.

Who is he? \_\_\_\_\_

3) He served in the Virginia State House of Delegates and as governor of Virginia. He also served as a Senator, as Vice President, and as President.

He was first elected to the House as a Republican and served in the 14th to 16th Congresses.

He was elected Vice President of the United States on the Whig ticket with William Henry Harrison and became President when Harrison died.

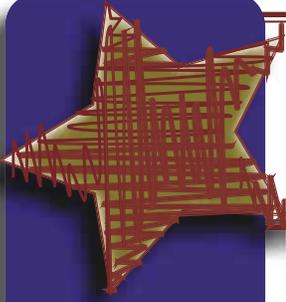
Who is he? \_\_\_\_\_

4) He served in the Mexican War as a colonel and a brigadier general and was president of the New Hampshire State Constitutional Convention in 1850.

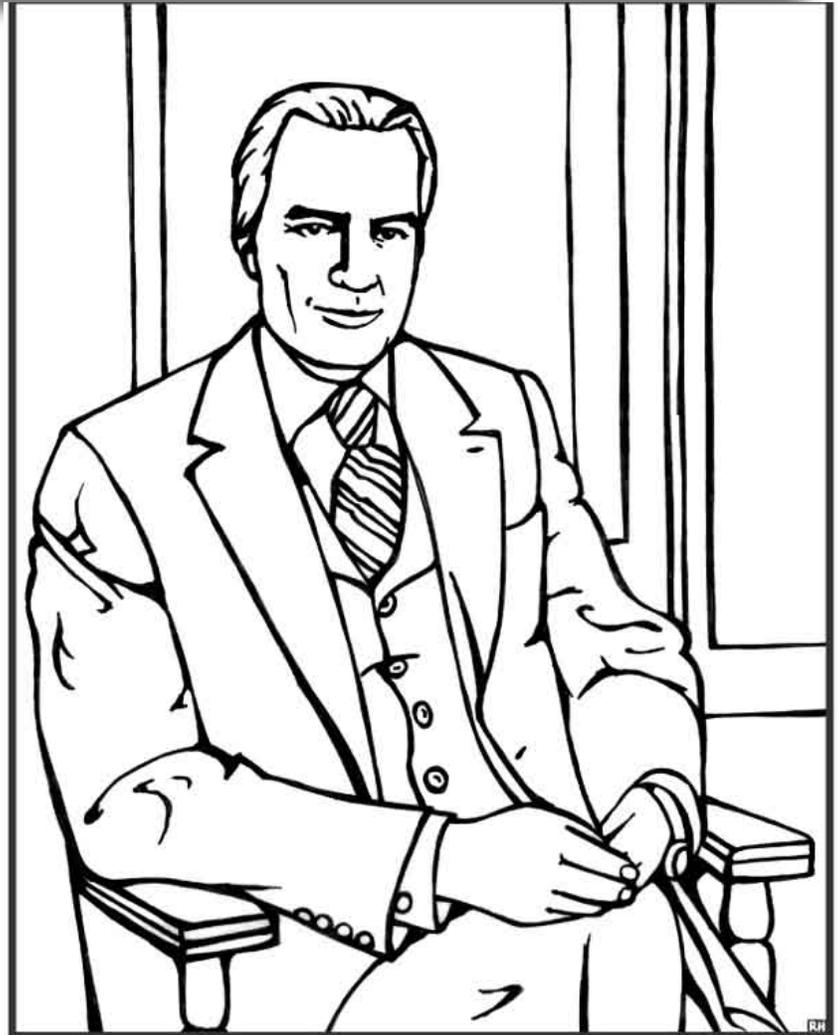
He was elected as a Democrat to the House for the 23rd to 25th Congresses. He was later elected to the Senate, where he served in the 26th to 28th Congresses.

Who is he? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Answers on page 4.



# Color the President



## Gerald Ford

### Presidential Number: 38th

Years he was President: 1974-1977  
State Represented: Michigan  
Party Affiliation: Republican  
Fact(s): He starred on the University of Michigan football team.

### Personal

Birthday: July 14, 1913  
How old would he be this year? 93  
School(s) attended: University of Michigan, Yale Law School  
Wife: Betty Ford  
Occupation(s) before he was President: Lawyer

**Other way(s) he served:** Congressman, Vice President  
Height: 6 feet  
Hobbies or Sports: Golf, jogging, sailing, skiing, swimming  
Pets: Dog, a golden retriever named Liberty

### Life in America

How would he have traveled? Helicopter, airplane, car  
How would he have communicated with his friends? Telephone, typed letter  
U.S. Population when term began: 203,302,031  
Number of stars on flag when he left office: 50