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LETTER FROM THE CONGRESSMAN

Dear Friends,

Last week I was working throughout Texas as the House was out of session for Memorial Day. I spent time on the Texas-Mexico border on Friday where I was briefed on the progress being made to secure our nation.

This week the House will be passing a bill that will provide funding to secure our borders. The Homeland Security Appropriations bill will also help us prepare for natural disasters or terrorist attacks.

We will also address high gas prices by considering a bill that will expand domestic refinery capacity. This bill is critical to increasing gasoline supplies and driving down high prices.

I have also been assured that we will pass the Emergency Supplemental bill this week. This bill is crucial to operations at Fort Hood and throughout the military. I have urged my colleagues to work quickly toward a compromise so our service men and women might receive the resources they need to defend and serve our nation.

Until next week,

SECURING OUR ENERGY FUTURE

Since coming to Congress, I have worked to ease the burden of high gas prices on consumers while reducing our dependence on foreign oil. During a time of record-high energy prices, the House of Representatives is continuing to build on past energy accomplishments to address our nation's energy challenges.

Last year the House passed the first comprehensive energy bill in more than a decade, the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Energy is the backbone of the American economy, but our energy policy had been flawed and outdated. This comprehensive energy bill ensures a more affordable and environmentally friendly energy supply. This measure is aimed at boosting domestic fuel supplies and providing relief, over the long term, from high prices.

Building on the success of that law, the House last week passed a bill to allow for oil and gas exploration in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), the American-Made Energy & Good Jobs Act. The exploration conducted in ANWR would be: limited to a fraction of the total area of ANWR, conducted under very stringent environmental requirements, and used for the sole purpose

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of fueling America's energy needs. The development and exploration of ANWR is an important step in increasing our nation's oil supply and helping lower gas prices. Unfortunately, Democrats in the House obstructed passage of another bill that would have allowed for greater domestic exploration, the Refinery Permit Process Schedule Act. This bill would encourage the building of new oil refineries in the U.S. by providing stability for companies as they make long-term decisions to expand refining capacity. Without expanded exploration of oil in our own country, we will continue to struggle to keep energy costs affordable.

New technologies that improve efficiencies, alternative fuels, and renewable energy sources are also key components to our nation's energy independence. The H-Prize Act highlights our commitment to alternative fuels by establishing a prize competition to develop hydrogen energy – a more cost-efficient and environmentally friendly alternative to fossil fuel.

This year's Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill also provides funding for research into a variety of alternative energy technologies, including biomass, hydrogen, solar, wind, and clean coal. Developments in these technologies will help put our nation on the path to energy independence and help make our air and water cleaner by reducing pollution.

While we are in the process of addressing long-term solutions to our nation's energy issues, we have already taken action to protect our consumers from gouging. The Federal Energy Price Protection Act protects individuals and families from price gouging at any time in the market for gasoline, diesel fuel, crude oil, home heating oil, and biofuels. Not only does it prohibit price gouging, it also calls for strong enforcement and penalties for those found guilty of price gouging.

Our nation's recent energy challenges have underlined the importance of energy independence and the development of alternative sources of energy. I have worked to protect consumers from price gouging, expand our nation's refining capacity, increase domestic supplies of crude oil to put downward pressure on prices, promote conservation and greater fuel efficiency, develop alternative fuel programs to reduce our dependence on oil and gasoline, and streamline fuel requirements to enhance the efficiency of the distribution system.

All of these steps will help lower energy prices and stabilize market conditions in the long term. America's prosperity and national security are at stake, and I will continue to support measures that will help secure our nation's energy future.

ROSEBUD RECEIVES EPA GRANT

I was pleased to announce that the city of Rosebud has been awarded a grant for \$200,000 as part of the Brownfields Program from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This grant will allow the city of Rosebud to clean hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants at the former Halbert Hospital, an abandoned property contaminated with asbestos and lead. The city plans to build affordable housing on the site.

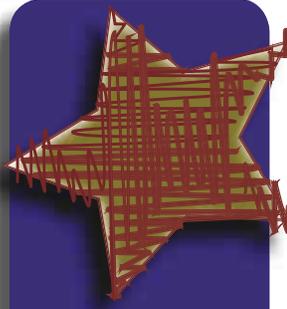
These federal funds will allow the city to turn a rundown and unhealthy property into viable, affordable housing for the people of Rosebud. The Brownfields Program is crucial in revitalizing many sites that would otherwise be a burden of unusable space to local communities.

The program provides funding to state, local and tribal governments for the cleanup of Brownfields sites. A Brownfield is a property which may have expansion, redevelopment, or reuse challenges due to hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. Reinvesting in Brownfields increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, uses existing infrastructure, takes development pressures off undeveloped land, and improves and protects the environment.

CARTER TOURS EL PASO-MEXICO BORDER

On Friday I visited the El Paso-Mexico border with a handful of other members of the House. During the tour we were briefed by members of the U.S. Border Patrol, National Guard, and border sheriffs from Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico. This was my third trip to the border in the past 12 months.

The tour allowed my colleagues and me to see firsthand the challenges our Bor-



der Patrol agents are facing at the border. We also discussed the implementation of the plan to put National Guard members at the border.

I learn something new with every trip I take to the border, and this trip was no different. In El Paso, there is now a double barbed wire fence protecting the border. The crime rate in El Paso has dropped dramatically with the erection of this fence. The safety of our communities is why we must secure our borders now. We must remain vigilant in our efforts. The fence in highly populated areas like El Paso is a legitimate way to curb the flow of illegal immigrants crossing our borders. We were also told about a location where there is a barbed wire fence followed by a road and a very steep ditch with fast flowing water, and finally another barbed wire fence. The border agents have apprehended about 50 people trying to cross the border at this point. Although people are still trying to cross illegally, they are slowed down so border patrol has an opportunity to apprehend them at the border. We need to continue to add fences and assets to our border to make it secure.

I was joined on the trip by Representatives Brown-Waite, Cantor, McCaul, Musgrave, and Sherwood.

Below are a few pictures from the trip that I wanted to share with you.



NEW COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

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.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13th

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Dublin

Dublin Chamber of Commerce
108 South Patrick
Dublin, Texas

TUESDAY, JUNE 13th

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Stephenville

Stephenville City Hall
298 W. Washington
Stephenville, Texas

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Hamilton

Hamilton County Courthouse
102 North Rice
Hamilton, Texas

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Gatesville

Gatesville Chamber of Commerce
Cotton Belt Depot; 2307 Hwy. 36 South
Gatesville, Texas



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TODAY IN HISTORY!

JUNE 6, 1944
D-DAY

Facts and Figures:

- *Today marks the 62nd anniversary of this important day in World War II history.
- *The invasion was code-named Operation Overlord.
- *It marks the beginning of the Battle of Normandy, where the U.S and fellow Allied powers invaded France to free it from Nazi forces.
- *The battle began with paratrooper and glider landings overnight, as well as massive air attacks and naval bombardments.
- *The invasion lasted over 2 months before Paris was liberated.
- *The invasion force included 7,000 ships and over 195,000 naval personnel from the Allied countries.
- *Almost 133,000 troops from England, Canada and the United States landed on D-Day.
- *Over the course of the whole invasion, nearly 3 million Allied troops crossed the English Channel from England to Normandy, making it the longest seaborne invasion in history!
- *The coastline chosen for the invasion was divided into five beaches, codenamed Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword.

Important Person:

Dwight D. Eisenhower- General of the U.S army and Supreme Commander of the Allied expeditionary forces. He led allied troops into Normandy in order to bring about a quick end to the war.

Did you know?

D-day was originally set for June 5, 2006, but bad weather on that day caused U.S General Dwight D. Eisenhower to postpone the invasion until the 6th.

****Be sure to remember and pay your thanks to any World War II veterans you may know for the sacrifice they made on behalf of America and our allies!***

Color the President



Calvin Coolidge

Presidential Number: 30th

Years he was President: 1923-1929

State Represented: Massachusetts

Party Affiliation: Republican

Fact(s): His name was "Silent Cal."

Personal

Birthday: July 4, 1872

How old would he be this year? 134

School(s) attended: Amherst College

Wife: Grace Coolidge

Occupation(s) before he was President:

Lawyer

Other way(s) he served: Mayor of North Hampton,

Massachusetts, Governor of Massachusetts

Height: 5 feet, 10 inches

Favorite Foods: Pancakes

Hobbies or Sports: Fishing, golf, mechanical horse,
pitching hay, trapshooting

Pets: Dog named Rob Roy

Life in America

How would he have traveled? Car, train

How would he have communicated with his friends?

Telephone, letters

U.S. Population when term began: 105,775,046

Number of stars on flag when he left office: 48