



# CARTER COURIER

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## LETTER FROM THE CONGRESSMAN

Dear Friends,

This past weekend, I was pleased to see so many Copperas Cove residents out at the Rabbit Fest Parade. I was honored to be the Parade's Grand Marshall, and hope everybody who came out to the festival and parade had a great time.

In Washington, D.C., the House of Representatives will continue to focus on fiscal discipline, securing our borders, and greater exploration of domestic sources of energy while creating jobs for American workers. I will also be meeting with a number of constituents from Central Texas and I look forward to hearing from them.

Monday, May 29th is Memorial Day. I urge you all to take a moment over the next week to remember the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice throughout our nation's history so we might live in a free and democratic nation.

Until next week,



## BORDER SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION A TOP PRIORITY

Border security and immigration issues have dominated debate in Washington, D.C. and the country alike. This is one of the most important issues facing our country right now, and I have been a strong advocate for an "enforcement first" approach.

Members in the House, understanding the urgency of this issue, took swift action on border security last year. In December, we passed comprehensive legislation that takes important steps to prevent illegal immigration, hold lawbreakers accountable, and protect American citizens. Currently, the Senate is debating the issue of border security and immigration in hopes of passing legislation in the next several weeks. I have serious concerns about the Senate's proposal, and believe that it sends the wrong message to our citizens. Once the Senate passes an immigration bill, a panel of House and Senate negotiators will work together on a compromise border security bill.

While I agree that the entire immigration system in our country should be overhauled in the near future, successful immigration policy begins by securing our nation's border. I have been down to the border a few times in the past year, and I can assure you that we have a crisis on the Texas border. Many estimate that up to one thousand illegal immigrants are crossing the U.S./Mexico border every night. Stopping this tidal wave of illegal immigrants coming over the border must be our first prior-

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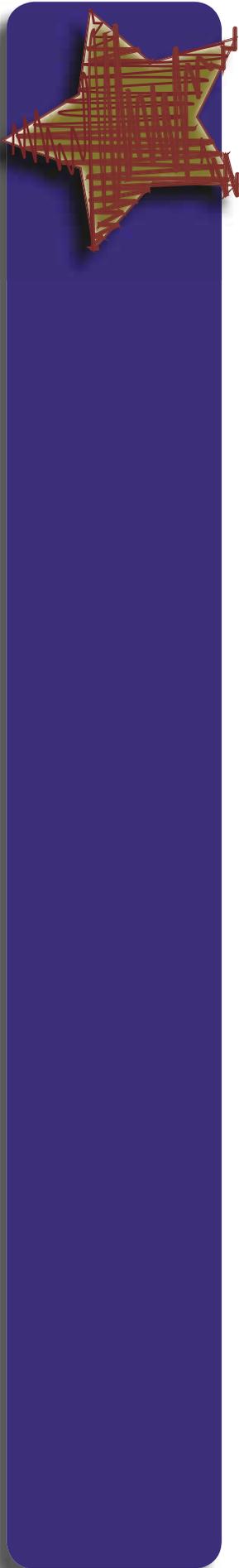
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ity. There are a number of ways to accomplish this, and the bill I worked to pass in the House of Representatives would allow for increased personnel and resources along the border.

I support the combination of a virtual fence along with an actual fence at points along the border. In less populated areas, unmanned drones, sensors, and surveillance cameras could prove to be effective tools in monitoring the border. In limited areas, an actual fence would help border patrol agents by slowing down the flow of illegal immigrants crossing the border.

I believe the National Guard's presence on the border will offer immediate assistance to a strained border patrol. I do believe, however, that the National Guard could be more effective in a more direct law enforcement role if approved by local authorities. Utilizing the additional manpower and technology resources that the Guard has to offer is an important and immediate way to make our border more secure. The long term solution is to put significantly more border security personnel and more technology on the border.

I remain strongly opposed to any sort of an amnesty program. If you reward illegal immigrants with citizenship, that is amnesty, simply put. I do not believe that illegal immigrants should be rewarded for breaking our laws, while millions of immigrants are waiting in line to become American citizens. One Senate proposal makes this problem even worse, almost encouraging people to say they've been in our country illegally longer in order to get a fast track to citizenship.

As a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security, which provides funding for Customs and Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, I will monitor the Department's budget requests to ensure that border security and immigration initiatives receive the support they deserve.

I will also push for initiatives that will allow for a system of 100 percent catch and return. This week, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) opened a facility in Taylor, Texas that will hold illegal immigrant families. This is only the second facility of its type in the country, and will help ICE house the increased number of illegal immigrants detained as a result of ICE's "Secure Border Initiative." We must put an end to "catch and release" of illegal aliens.

I have heard the concerns of constituents throughout the District regarding immigration and border security. And I remain committed to keeping our border secure and Americans safe. I have also discussed this issue with members of my Hispanic Advisory Council, and many of them believe that we have a crisis on the border and that it has to be stopped.

You can be sure that I will do everything within my power as a U.S. Congressman to see strict border security and immigration laws implemented and enforced. I continue to lend my full support to the legislation passed by the House as a comprehensive approach to handling our nation's border security needs. It is time that we implement and enforce real border security reform now.

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### **CARTER DEFENDS MINUTEMEN**

In additional immigration and border security news, I joined other members of the House of Representatives last week in asking the Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) about its policies in dealing with the Mexican government in regards to border protection groups such as the Minutemen. We wrote the letter to CBP following reports that the agency has been telling the Mexican government the locations of civilian border protection groups such as the Minutemen.

I am concerned by reports that our own government is alerting Mexico about efforts to deter illegal immigration. I believe we must continue to use all legal resources available to see that illegal immigration into our country is being controlled, and ultimately halted. If Mexican police are being told about the location of citizen patrols within our borders, it very well may be compromising the security of American citizens.

We asked CBP to answer the following questions:

--Does the CBP itself or through any other US agency notify the Mexican government of the location of Minutemen and other similar citizen border patrols?

--Does the CBP itself or any other US agency notify the Mexican government of the detention of any Mexican alien who illegally crosses the border into the US?

--Is it the CBP's standard practice to notify the Mexican government of the detention of any Mexican alien who requests an interview with his government's consul or who alleges assault or battery in his detention? If so, does that standard practice apply to an alien and consul of any nationality or is it pursuant to a specific treaty or agreement with the Mexican government?

--Given the increasing prevalence of these citizen border patrols, has the CBP sought to work out any agreement or arrangement with the groups organizing the patrols to ensure that the assistance of the groups is maximized and the rights of the American citizens participating in them are fully protected?

Our brave patrolmen need to be able to work with the citizen patrols – it is a matter of safety for all of the people concerned. I will keep you informed of the CBP's response.

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## CONG. CARTER HOSTS TEXAS MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION

I am pleased to have had the opportunity to present the Texas Military Family Foundation with this \$25,000 charitable donation from the AT&T Pioneers. I thank the AT&T Pioneers for their generosity to help the brave service men and women who serve our country. The Texas Military Family Foundation offers invaluable support to soldiers and their families. The partnership of these two outstanding organizations is good news for the soldiers who are cared for by the Texas Military Family Foundation, as well as the entire Fort Hood community.

TMFF is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to soldiers while training, deploying, returning home, as well as those who are at Fort Hood wounded and injured. The organization's mission is to provide quality, personalized care to soldiers away from home.

The AT&T Pioneers are the largest industry-sponsored volunteer organization in the United States. In 2005, the 250,000 members of this employee and retiree organization donated over 11 million hours of volunteer service in the communities where they live and conduct business.



*Pictured are Cong. Carter (left), Julie Curtis-Wynn (center), executive director of the Texas Military Families Foundation; and Jerie Orr (right), Fort Hood Project Coordinator of the AT&T Pioneers.*

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## CARTER HONORED BY WILLIAMSON COUNTY COURT

I was honored last week for 20 years of service as the District Judge for the 277th District Court with a portrait dedication and presentation ceremony. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to serve the people of Williamson County as a District Judge for 20 years. I feel greatly honored to be recognized by my friends and colleagues at the 277th District Court. The court will always be dear to my heart, and I thank Williamson County for all of its support during my time on the bench.

During my years of service, I presided over a number of high-profile cases, including several capital murder cases. I also served as Chairman of the Juvenile Board from its creation in 1986 until my retirement in December of 2001. During my tenure, Williamson County had the lowest crime rate in Texas.

### **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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2006

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**SALADO**

Salado Community Center

601 North Main Street

Salado, Texas



# Kids' Page

## REMEMBERING MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is May 29th. Although many children and adults think of Memorial Day as the beginning of summer, it is important that we remember that the purpose of this holiday is to remember and honor our service men and women who lost their lives while serving their country. Below is a multiple-choice quiz to remind us of the real meaning of this day.

### 1. Why do we celebrate Memorial Day?

- A. To pay respect to those who have died in wars or in service of their country
- B. Because it is a good day for a BBQ at the park
- C. In order to have a three day weekend

### 2. When is Memorial Day?

- A. First Monday in May
- B. Last Monday in May
- C. Third Monday in May

### 3. After hearing all the war stories, what did Henry Welles suggest?

- A. All shops should close for one day to honor soldiers who were killed in the Civil War.
- B. All shops should have a big sale to honor soldiers of the Civil War.
- C. Shops should stay open longer.

### 4. What ceremony did Retired Major General Jonathan A. Logan plan?

- A. Civil War Day
- B. Waterloo Day
- C. Decoration Day

### 5. Who proclaimed Waterloo the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1966?

- A. President Harry S. Truman
- B. President Lyndon Johnson
- C. Henry Welles

### 6. What is the nation's largest national cemetery?

- A. Civil War Memorial Cemetery
- B. Waterloo Cemetery
- C. Arlington National Cemetery

### 7. Who is buried at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier?

- A. Three soldiers
- B. Two soldiers
- C. Four soldiers

\*Answers can be found on page 4.

# Color the President



**Woodrow Wilson**

**Presidential Number: 28th**

Years he was President: 1913-1921  
State Represented: New Jersey  
Party Affiliation: Democrat  
Fact(s): He was a good student in college. His first wife died while he was president.

**Personal**

Birthday: December 28, 1856  
How old would he be this year? 150  
School(s) attended: Princeton University, University of Virginia Law School, Johns Hopkins University  
Wife: Ellen Wilson, first wife. Edith

Wilson, second wife

Occupation(s) before he was President: College Professor, historian and political scientist, president of Princeton University  
Other way(s) he served: Governor of New Jersey  
Height: 5 feet, 11 inches  
Hobbies or Sports: Golf, riding, swimming, walking  
Pets: Sheep on the White House lawn

**Life in America**

How would he have traveled? Car, boat  
How would he have communicated with his friends? Telephone, typed letter, telegram  
U.S. Population when term began: 91,972,266  
Number of stars on flag when he left office: 48