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## LETTER FROM THE CONGRESSMAN

Dear Friends,

Let me begin by thanking the constituents of the 31st Congressional District for sending me back to Congress to represent Central Texans for another two years. I look forward to continue working on behalf of you and your values.

This weekend we remembered our nation's veterans as we celebrated Veterans Day. I was pleased to address a number of our nation's veterans and their loved ones during a ceremony in Temple. In this week's Courier, I have highlighted the efforts of our military, as well as the actions that Congress has taken to support our service men and women.

Until next week,



## THE TROOPS DESERVE OUR BEST

The men and women of our armed forces represent what is best about America as they defend our freedom and fight the terrorists who plot to kill us. Especially during a time of war, we are eternally grateful for their service on behalf of our nation. The soldiers and families stationed at Fort Hood have made Central Texas and the nation proud, and they continue to do outstanding work. Without the full support of the American people, however, our troops will not be able to carry out their mission successfully.

In order to provide the troops the support they need, the President recently signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007. This important bill, which is passed each year by the Congress, sets the policies, programs, and funding levels for the nation's military. This year, the bill includes \$532.8 billion in funding to help protect and support our troops as they fight terrorism and defend our freedom. Specifically, this act includes a much-deserved military pay raise for all members of the armed forces. It also provides an additional \$70 billion in supplemental funding to support the operational costs of the war on terror, personnel expenses, procurement of new equipment, and the necessary immediate funding to reset the force. Further, additional funding is provided for force protection needs to better protect our soldiers fighting the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, including up-armored Humvees, Humvee IED protection kits, improvised explosive device (IED) jammers, and enhanced body armor. I was also pleased to help block the Department of Defense's proposed TRICARE fee increases.

One of the true honors of my job as your Congressman is to support the needs of our U.S. soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines—and I will continue to do that consistently.

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Another important bill that has just become law is the conference report on the Department of Defense Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2007. Appropriations bills are important, because they actually release the funding for specific budgetary needs. As a member of the Military Quality of Life Subcommittee on the Appropriations Committee, I am pleased to have helped secure funding for critical projects that enhance our nation's defense capabilities. This year's defense spending bill includes significant funding for many of the same defense priorities that are included in the authorization bill, including troop protection, operation and maintenance, research and development, and emergency wartime appropriations. We must send our troops to combat with the absolute best equipment available, which is why this act includes \$23 billion to ensure Army and Marine Corps troops are fully equipped with updated and refurbished equipment. We also provided funds for ballistic missile defense, the Chemical and Biological Defense Program, and the fight against narcoterrorism.

I also helped secure millions of dollars in funding to enhance operations at our own Fort Hood. Fort Hood discussed with me their needs, and together we have worked hard to secure funding for projects such as improved training grounds and a new fire station on base. It is truly an honor to represent the largest military installation in the world, Fort Hood, and thousands of our brave soldiers and their families. Ensuring that our troops receive the resources they need to protect themselves while defending our nation and taking the fight to the terrorists will remain a top priority of mine.

I believe when we look back at this time in our nation's history, the men and women of our armed forces will be remembered as some of our nation's greatest heroes. It is time that ALL Americans stand with our troops in the fight for democracy and against terrorism. I understand that the battle is not an easy one; but it is necessary. Our troops believe in their mission—we need to let them know that we believe in them.

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#### **CONG. CARTER THANKS NATION'S VETERANS ON VETERANS DAY**

I had the opportunity to speak to hundreds of Central Texans at the Veterans Center in Temple on Friday in honor of our nation's veterans.

Veterans Day allows all Americans to honor the service men and women who have bravely defended our nation throughout history. As that fight continues, our thoughts and prayers remain with our troops whose continued commitment allows us to enjoy a life of freedom and liberty. As a Central Texan, I especially want to thank the troops from Fort Hood for their dedicated service—each of them has made our nation proud.

Honoring our country and supporting our military is the least we can do for our service men and women who have sacrificed so much for us. We can further honor these veterans by ensuring they receive the benefits and support they deserve; and that is something I will continue to fight for in Congress.

We owe a debt of gratitude to all of our service men and women—past, present, and future—for their courage and sacrifice on behalf of our freedom. Not just today, but every day, Americans should take the time to say 'thank you' to all those who have protected us from danger.

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#### **CARTER STATEMENT ON HUSSEIN SENTENCING**

U.S. Representative John Carter (TX-31), an elected district court judge for more than 20 years, made the following statement after Saddam Hussein was sentenced to death by hanging for crimes against humanity. The sentence was handed down on November 5th. Fort Hood's 4th Infantry Division was responsible for the capture of Saddam Hussein three years ago.

"This verdict is great news for the Iraqi people who were ruthlessly terrorized by Saddam Hussein's regime for too long. Justice has been served, and the courageous actions of the Iraqis will keep this murderer from reigning terror on future generations of innocent people. Our service men and women must also be commended for their tireless efforts that have made this day possible. This is an important achievement for the Iraqi people as they move forward in establishing a free, democratic society."

Congressman Carter is honored to represent the largest military installation in the world, Fort Hood. The 4th Infantry Division was also the first of the U.S. forces on the ground following Al-Zarqawi's death. Carter had the opportunity to visit the 4th ID in Iraq in April and thank them for their service.



# Kids' Page

## PRESIDENTIAL OCCUPATIONS PART 2

*Before I was a Congressman, I was a District Judge in Williamson County. Here is the second part of a quiz to test your knowledge on the jobs that U.S. Presidents have had when they weren't serving as President.*

**1. Before he became President, William Howard Taft was a judge. What did he become after he was President?**

- Teacher
- Congressman
- Senator
- Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

**2. Presidents often become writers after leaving office, but which President won a Pulitzer Prize in 1957 for writing a book before he became President?**

- Dwight Eisenhower
- John F. Kennedy
- Lyndon Johnson
- Richard Nixon

**3. What occupation did George Washington and Jimmy Carter have in common?**

- Lawyer
- Sailor
- Farmer
- Teacher

**4. Which President once owned a men's clothing shop in Kansas City, Missouri?**

- Herbert Hoover
- Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Harry Truman
- Dwight Eisenhower

**5. President George W. Bush was once a business leader who managed and owned a professional sports team. What sport did the team play?**

- Football
- Hockey
- Basketball
- Baseball

# Coloring Page

## U.S. SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court building also relates to the answer of the first question in the quiz.

