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## LETTER FROM THE CONGRESSMAN

Dear Friends,

Traveling throughout the District, during the past week I have had the opportunity to visit students and teachers, local Boys & Girls Clubs, and the Lions Club. I also met with my Veterans Advisory Council to discuss the action Congress is taking to protect the interest of our nation's brave veterans. We also discussed their concerns on a variety of other issues that affect veterans, and how I can work with my colleagues to address these concerns.

Last week I was honored to receive the "Protector of Property Rights" award from the Property Rights Alliance (PRA). I was also named a "True Blue" Member of Congress by the FRCAction and Focus Action for my unwavering commitment to the family. Many groups announce their awards at the end of a Congress to make people aware of the actions of their Member of Congress. I was honored to receive these awards, and will continue to protect families as well as the property rights of individuals.

Until next week,

## STRONG BORDER POLICY MUST BE A NATIONAL PRIORITY

Illegal immigration has affected Texas for as long as I can remember. Just about anybody who has lived along the Texas-Mexico border can tell stories of illegal immigrants crossing their property. The illegal immigrants who crossed 10-20 years ago were in the U.S. primarily to work and make money for their families. Illegal immigration and border security has been a law-and-order issue for border states for years. Now it is also being recognized throughout the country as an urgent national security issue.

9/11 changed America forever. If we are to protect the well-being of our citizens, we must know who is in our country, and the intentions of those individuals. We must come to the realization that there are individuals crossing our borders who wish to harm our nation and our way of life.

I have been a strong proponent of enforcing our immigration laws and securing our borders. In Congress, we have provided significant funding and resources to assist in border security efforts.

I was pleased that President Bush recently signed into law the Secure Fence Act. This bill is critical to keeping our nation and borders secure by allowing for the construction of a 700 mile fence along the U.S.-Mexico border. It also mandates that DHS achieve and maintain operational control over the entire border through a "virtual fence" that deploys cameras, ground sensors, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, and integrated surveillance technology.

As a member of the House Appropriations Homeland Security Subcommittee, I have continually supported funding for border security measures, while keeping the Department of

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Homeland Security accountable for its actions.

Significant funding was provided for border security efforts in the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2007. Now law, this act will provide more than \$21 billion for border protection and immigration enforcement. This includes \$5.2 billion for the Secure Border Initiative, which will give the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) the technology, personnel, and infrastructure to help prevent terrorists and other criminals from exploiting our borders and immigration system.

This bill also provides \$1.2 billion for the construction of a border fence and other border security measures, including vehicle barriers, tactical infrastructure, and technology. Although the 700 miles of fencing required by the Secure Fence Act will take years to build, this funding will allow the project to begin immediately.

Realizing that additional border patrol agents are needed, this bill also includes \$2.77 billion for border patrol, allowing for an increase of 1,500 new Border Patrol agents, bringing the total to 14,800. Additionally, Immigration and Customs Enforcement will receive \$4.2 billion for operating costs. Funding is also being made available for additional ICE detention facilities, immigration verification systems, and Air and Marine Operations for border and airspace security. Finally, this act includes \$28.2 million to assist state and local efforts to enforce immigration law.

This bill also included language making it a crime to knowingly construct, finance, or allow the construction of an unauthorized tunnel across a U.S. international border. Individuals caught using such a tunnel to smuggle aliens, contraband, drugs, weapons, or terrorists will now face penalties of more than 20 years in jail.

Since President Bush took office, funding for border security has more than doubled – from \$4.6 billion in 2001 to \$10.4 billion this year. We have also increased the number of Border Patrol agents from about 9,000 to more than 12,000, with additional 6,000 agents set to join to the force in the next two years.

I have toured the Texas-Mexico border four times in the past year to examine operations along the border. The reality is that the border is no longer safe. In fact, a new report by the House Homeland Security Committee outlines an alarming rise in the level of criminal cartel activity, including drug and human smuggling, along the Texas-Mexico border. The recent border security bills that have been signed into law will go a long way toward improving our nation's homeland security, but more needs to be done. Full immigration reform is a complex issue that cannot be easily resolved. I will continue to be an outspoken advocate for immediate border security measures followed by common sense immigration reform.

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### **CARTER PRESENTS GRANT TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF CORYELL COUNTY**



*Last week I had the honor of presenting a check for \$60,000 to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Coryell County.*

*The federal grant was awarded to the Boys and Girls Clubs through the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs. I was pleased to play a part in securing funds for this valuable organization. The Boys and Girls Clubs give children throughout Coryell County an opportunity to learn and succeed, and I thank them for their service.*

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### **CARTER REACTS TO 20TH STRAIGHT QUARTER OF GDP GROWTH**

Last week's announcement of the 3rd quarter GDP growth marked the 20th consecutive quarter of economic expansion. This news is another signal that pro-growth economic policies are benefiting American families.

Since August 2003, the American economy has created more than 6.6 million new jobs, including over 1.7 million jobs in the past 12 months alone. Real take-home wages are up by 2.2 percent over the past year, which means an extra \$1,300 for the typical family of four with two wage earners. Further, the economic growth spurred by tax cuts has helped reduce the deficit. Tax revenues have soared as the economy has grown, allowing us to meet our goal of cutting the federal deficit in half three years ahead of schedule.

These policies are allowing Americans to enjoy a prosperous economy, and I will continue policies that put money in the hands of individuals, not Washington bureaucrats.



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### **CARTER SUPPORTS BILL TO BETTER DEFEND AGAINST TERRORISTS**

Before Congress recessed for October, the House passed an important bill that will help protect our country from future terrorist attacks by making it easier to monitor terrorist communications. Updating our surveillance laws is crucial in order to successfully combat 21st century threats.

The Electronic Surveillance Modernization Act updates the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act to make it technology neutral in the Internet and cell phone era. The bill also increases congressional oversight of terrorist surveillance and installs other safeguards to ensure that Americans' civil liberties are protected.

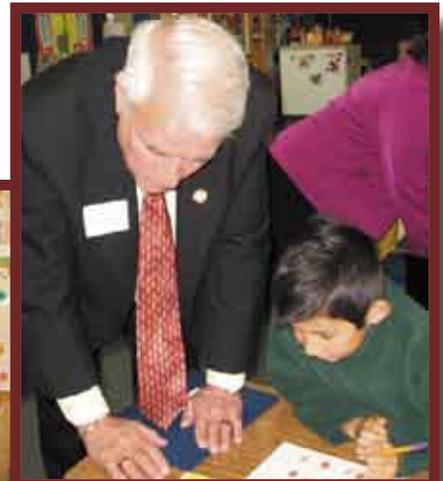
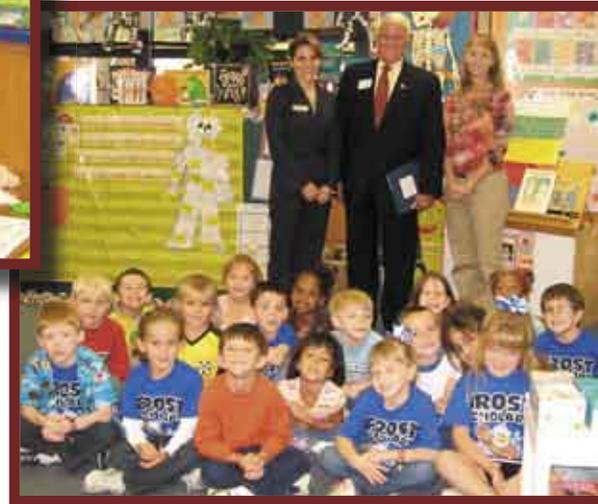
In multiple polls conducted earlier this year, nearly 70 percent of Americans strongly support the Terrorist Surveillance Program. Further, 65 percent of Americans believe that investigating terrorist threats and protecting Americans is a higher priority than protecting privacy.

I will continue to support efforts such as this to strengthen our homeland security by ensuring that our intelligence agencies have the tools necessary to stop terrorist plots before they happen.

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### **CARTER VISITS FROST ELEMENTARY IN GEORGETOWN**

Congressman Carter observes students during Frost Elementary's Demonstration Day. Carter visited the kindergarten, first, and second grade classes during his visit.



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### **CONG. CARTER ANNOUNCES GANG PREVENTION FUNDS FOR TEMPLE**

I was pleased to announce that the Temple Police Department has been awarded \$14,489 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program. These funds will allow the Temple Police Department to expand the GREAT Program to all sixth grade students at a new middle school campus in the Temple Independent School District.

The GREAT Program is a valuable tool in keeping our students and communities safe from the threats of gang related activities. This federal funding will allow Temple police to continue to reach out to school children so they avoid gang pressure and youth violence.

As a district Judge for more than 20 years, I know the devastating impact violence can have on the future of our youth. I applauded the City of Temple for proactively working with our students to keep them from getting involved in gangs.

The GREAT Program coordinates with federal, regional, state, and local agencies, as well as individuals from community and civic groups. The goal of the GREAT program is to train law enforcement officers in a school-based curriculum in which the officers provide instruction to school-aged children in life skill competencies, gang awareness, and anti-violence techniques.



# Kids' Page

## PRESIDENTIAL OCCUPATIONS

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

**1. What was Abraham Lincoln's occupation before he became President?**

Tailor  
Cook  
Poet  
Lawyer

**2. Which U.S. President was once a teacher at a small school in South Texas?**

Dwight Eisenhower  
Lyndon Johnson  
Jimmy Carter  
Abraham Lincoln

**3. Before he became President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson (1913-21) was the president of another organization. What was it?**

Computer business  
Insurance company  
Elementary school  
College

**4. Who was the only preacher to become President?**

James Garfield  
Theodore Roosevelt  
Woodrow Wilson  
John Adams

**5. Before he became President in 1921, Warren G. Harding was a member of the press who owned a business. What did his company do?**

Sell newspapers  
Produce television commercials  
Create radio jingles  
Print books

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