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## LETTER FROM THE CONGRESSMAN

Dear Friends,

While in the District on Monday, I had the opportunity to discuss the importance of the Constitution with students at Hopewell Middle School in Round Rock. As part of my visit to recognize Constitution Day, I gave each student a copy of the Constitution. I want to thank the students at Hopewell for their enthusiasm and attention during my visit.

I was also honored to present Vicki Rowe of Taylor High School with the 2005 Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award from Humanities Texas. Mrs. Rowe is an English teacher and has selflessly committed her time, talents, and resources to giving her students an excellent education. The Taylor community is fortunate to have such caring and skilled teachers as Mrs. Rowe, and I congratulate her for being recognized for her hard work.

As we wrap up the final weeks of Congress before going into recess, we will continue to focus on border and national security issues. Specifically, the House will act on three measures which focus on enhancing border security, strengthening enforcement, and ensuring the safety of the American people.

Until next week,

## BORDER FENCE BILL: A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Protecting our nation's borders is the most pressing issue in the border security and immigration debate. There is a tidal wave of illegal aliens crossing our border whose intentions are unknown. That is why the House, in December of 2005, passed a strong, comprehensive border security bill. Unfortunately, the Senate refused to take up this legislation, and instead drafted costly legislation that would have significantly weakened our nation's security and granted amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants.

Over the past two months, the House of Representatives has held 25 hearings in 12 states across the country to hear the concerns of the American people and determine the best way to make progress in securing our borders. Thousands of Americans reaffirmed what Members of the House knew—that we have an emergency on our border.

This summer's field hearings also raised alarming questions about the Reid-Kennedy approach, which passed the Senate in May over the objections of a majority of Senate Republicans. The more we have studied this bill, the more holes we found, and the more it appears to be modeled on the disastrous 1986 law that has produced the current border-security crisis. The Reid-Kennedy immigration bill would weaken law enforcement, reward lawbreakers, and make our borders less secure. Further, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), it would cost American taxpayers \$127 billion over 10 years. It also includes troubling provisions such as allowing illegal immigrants to pay in-state college tuition at public universities and would guarantee

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Social Security benefits for illegal immigrants for the time they were in the U.S. illegally.

The House of Representatives is committed to putting legislation on the President's desk this fall that will strengthen our borders. The first piece of legislation that will be part of a comprehensive border security package overwhelmingly passed the House of Representatives today. The Secure Fence Act (H.R. 6061) is an emergency measure that would mandate operational control of all borders and ports through enhanced Border Patrol operations, physical barriers, and state-of-the-art technology along the southwest border, including reinforced fencing. I have consistently called for a plan that begins by securing our border with increased personnel and resources, and this bill goes a long way toward accomplishing these goals.

Specifically, H.R. 6061 provides for over 700 miles of two-layered reinforced fencing along the southern border with prioritized placement at critical, highly populated areas, and requires an evaluation of infrastructure needs along the northern border. It also mandates that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) achieve and maintain operational control over the entire border through a "virtual fence" that deploys cameras, ground sensors, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), and integrated surveillance technology.

Placing additional resources at the border works. This has already been proven through the successes of Operation Jumpstart, which placed National Guard troops along the southern border. According to a July 26th report, the National Guard has assisted in apprehending 1,702 illegal aliens, more than 13,000 pounds of marijuana, and more than 200 pounds of cocaine. And additional resources along the Texas border have drastically lowered crime rates and made our nation more secure.

The five-year anniversary of the 9-11 attacks reminds us of the need for such reforms: the 19 terrorists exploited — and at least six violated — our immigration laws to murder 3000 of our citizens. Some of the illegals crossing our borders are gang members who cross to injure our citizens. The war on terror and the porous state of our borders demand action on behalf of homeland and national security.

Although securing the borders is the first and most immediate need, I will continue to urge progress on other issues surrounding illegal and legal immigration in this country. I strongly support strengthening enforcement and stiffening penalties for illegal immigrants who break our immigration laws. We also need to enforce the law on employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants and hold them accountable. Further, as a Judge for more than 20 years, I cannot support efforts that would reward the behavior of illegal immigrants who have made the choice to break our laws. The success of our country depends on newcomers obeying the law, assimilating into American society by learning English, and embracing our common identity as Americans.

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### **CARTER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RECOGNIZE FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF 9-11 TERRORIST ATTACKS**

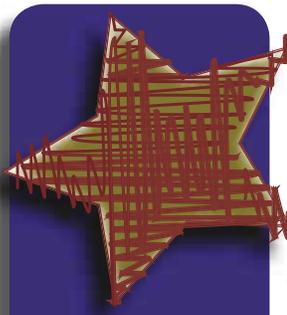
Last week, I proudly supported a House-passed resolution recognizing September 11th as a day to remember and mourn those who lost their lives that fateful day. It also encourages Americans to make September 11 a day of national service.

This resolution reminds Americans that the House of Representatives is committed to honoring the lives lost in the horrific 9-11 attacks and fighting terrorism across the globe. We recognize the countless heroes who helped our nation on that fateful day and today: the innocent Americans who lost their lives for their country; the surviving loved ones; first responders; State and local officials; volunteers; and the brave service men and women who have battled a ruthless enemy far from our shores to ensure such an attack never happens on our shores again.

The incredible sacrifices made by our service men and women help secure the freedoms we cherish and bring freedom throughout the world. It is their fighting spirit that continues to resonate in our hearts and minds on this anniversary. We will remain committed to the Global War on Terror to ensure that the terrorists no longer have the tools, resources, or ability to attack us again.

Specifically, H.Res. 994 celebrates the heroic Americans that risked and lost their lives on September 11, 2001. It also extends Congress' deepest sympathies to the families and loved ones of the victims of September 11, 2001. The resolution also expresses gratitude to United States military, intelligence and law enforcement personnel serving at home and abroad. H.Res. 994 also reiterates Congress' commitment to take the fight to the terrorists; reasserts Congress' commitment to give the government the tools it needs to fight the global war on terror; celebrates the successes of the United States and our allies in preventing numerous terrorist attacks since September 11, 2001.

Additionally, it highlights the protections Congress approved and the President signed into law to protect Americans from the threat of terrorism including: the PATRIOT Act of 2001 and its Reauthorization, the Homeland Security Act of 2002, the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, and the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. Finally, it



highlights the protections that the House approved in the 109th Congress including: the Border Protection Antiterrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005, the SAFE Port Act of 2006, and the 21st Century Emergency Communications Act of 2006.

Terrorist attacks that have occurred since September 11, 2001, in Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Spain, the United Kingdom and elsewhere, remind all Americans of the brutal intentions of the terrorists and the ever-present threat they pose to the principles of freedom. In addition, British authorities, in cooperation with United States and Pakistani officials, recently disrupted an airline terror plot to commit mass murder by blowing up civilian aircraft bound for the United States.

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### **PUBLIC SERVICE INFORMATION**

#### **TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL SHUTS DOWN ORGANIZATION 'You Can't Take It' and promoters sued for misleading property owners about land seizures linked to Trans-Texas Corridor project**

*I wanted to make sure each of you were aware of the following:*

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has filed a lawsuit to stop three individuals and their organization from falsely claiming they can protect property owners from potential eminent domain proceedings possibly linked to the Trans-Texas Corridor project.

The Attorney General's lawsuit alleges that promoters of "You Can't Take It" with its associated Web site, attempt to scare property into believing their properties may be affected by the future highway projects. The scare tactics then lead to offers to rescue them from speculative eminent domain proceedings for a fee of \$600, which will increase to \$1,000 by November. The organization also would assess homeowners a \$100 yearly "maintenance fee."

The promoters claim this conversion is an ironclad safeguard that will bar further legal proceedings involving these properties. The defendants go even further by fraudulently claiming that only by availing themselves of this organization's expertise can consumers gain full protection from "thirsty developers."

The defendants not only maintain a Web site ([www.youcanttakeit.org](http://www.youcanttakeit.org)) and advertise on eBay, but more recently they have conducted door-to-door solicitations with sales teams, pressuring potentially affected homeowners into doling out money to become enrolled in their "Property Protection Scheme."

The Attorney General seeks both temporary and permanent injunctions halting any deceptive claims or advertising, requiring the defendants to fully disclose all the facts associated with eminent domain proceedings.

**Property owners who believe they may have been misled by this organization or others like it, may file complaints with the Attorney General by calling toll-free (800) 252-8011, or file a complaint online at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us).**

#### **REMINDER: SEPTEMBER 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, SEPTEMBER 26th**

**10:30 am - 1:30 pm**

##### **Cameron**

Bea's Kitchen

101 East Main Street

Cameron, Texas

##### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th**

**8:30 am - 11:00 am**

##### **Copperas Cove**

Chamber of Commerce

Conference Room

204 East Robertson Avenue

Copperas Cove, Texas

##### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th**

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

##### **Marlin**

Marlin City Hall - Council Chambers

101 Fortune Street

Marlin, Texas



# Kids' Page

## U.S. CAPITAL CITIES

Washington, DC has not always been home to the United States government. There have actually been 9 different cities in our nation's history that have been capitals of the U.S. government.

### **The Continental Congress met in the following EIGHT cities:**

Philadelphia from 1774 - 1783

Baltimore from 1776 - 1777

Lancaster in 1777

York from 1777 - 1778

Princeton in 1783

Annapolis from 1783 - 1784

Trenton in 1784

New York from 1785 - 1789

### **There have been 3 capitals under the Constitution of the United States. Which cities are they?**

Hint: One is the current Capital, and two of these cities are listed above. Below are pictures of each of these cities in 1800.



# Color the President



**William Clinton**

**Presidential Number: 42nd**

Years he was President: 1993-2001

State Represented: Arkansas

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Fact(s): He was the only president from Arkansas. He played the saxophone. While in high school, he once met President John Kennedy in the White House.

**Personal**

Birthday: August 19, 1946

How old would he be this year? 60

School(s) attended: Oxford University, Yale Law School

Wife: Hillary Clinton

Occupation(s) before he was President: Lawyer, law professor, State Attorney General

Other way(s) he served: Governor of Arkansas

Height: 6 feet, 2 inches

Hobbies or Sports: Golf, jogging, saxophone, football

Pets: Dog, a chocolate labrador retriever named Buddy and a cat named Socks.

**Life in America**

How would he have traveled? Helicopter, airplane, car

How would he have communicated with his friends? Letters, phone, email

U.S. Population when term began: 281,421,906

Number of stars on flag when he left office: 50

*Pictured left to right: New York; Washington, DC; and Philadelphia. The first capital under the Constitution was in New York. It moved to Philadelphia in 1790. In 1800, the permanent capital city of Washington, DC was occupied.*