



# The Flynn Report

*January 10, 2008*

**Greetings Friends, Constituents and Supporters:**

**The filing deadline for those wanting to run for public office for the 2008 election was January 3, 2008. I am humbled and honored by the citizens of House District 2 for allowing me to run unopposed in the primary and no major party opponent in the general election.**

**Susan and I feel very fortunate that I have had the privilege of serving as your representative in the Texas House of Representatives the last three sessions. My commitment and pledge remains strong to justify and maintain the confidence you have placed in me.**

**With a year remaining to finish out this term I will actively be tending to my responsibilities on the committees I am assigned to serve on. As Vice Chairman of the Committee of Financial Institutions and as a member of the Committee of State Affairs we will be tending to the many interim charges assigned. Included in these interim charges will be studies on what the state can do to secure our border, address the problems of illegals in our state and the challenges facing our financial institutions including the mortgage industry as well as many other important issues.**

**I will also continue to serve as a member of the Sunset Commission. The Sunset Commission is a 12-member body composed of five Senators appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and five House members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Legislative members serve four-year terms and public members serve two-year terms.**

**The Sunset Commission works with each agency under review to determine the need for their existence and propose needed statutory or management changes, and develop legislation necessary to enact the proposed changes. The Sunset process works by setting a date on which**

an agency will be abolished unless legislation is passed to continue its functions. This allows the Legislature to look closely at each agency and make changes to an agency's mission or operations if needed. The process is for agencies to undergo review once every 12 years. Approximately 20 to 30 agencies go through the process each legislative session. Included on the agenda for review this year is three very large state agencies; Texas Department of Transportation; Texas Insurance Department; Texas Parks and Wildlife. The Legislature may change the review schedule to enable a closer look at certain agencies of special legislative interest.

By using this process the Legislature strengthens the accountability of state agencies. The fiscal impact of Sunset recommendations from reviews conducted between 1982 and 2003 indicate a potential 21-year revenue generation savings of \$736.9 million.

You can see this will be a very busy year and I feel very thankful I will be able to devote time to working on issues and constituents services. I will plan to work hard on issues and for conservative members to be sure we can not only maintain but increase the conservative majority in the Legislature.

You need to know as we move into the campaign season there will be a major campaign to introduce slot machines in Texas. According to the Austin American Statesman it is the stated goal of the gambling industry to defeat conservatives who do not support expanding gambling and casino operators. The industry is already pouring millions of dollars to push for casino-style gambling in Texas. Similar efforts in the past have been soundly defeated by pro family conservatives and other opponents of the expansion of gambling in Texas. A recent survey of House District 2 reflects over 70% opposed to expansion of gambling in Texas.

It remains my pleasure and honor to represent all the people of House District 2. My staff and I continue to welcome your input and your questions. Contact our office located in the Capitol extension: E1.302. Mailing address: P. O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768. Email [District2.Flynn@house.state.tx.us](mailto:District2.Flynn@house.state.tx.us). Toll free number 1-800-734-9515.

May God bless you and our great state of Texas,  
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