



# The Flynn Report

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**Greetings Friends, Constituents and Supporters:**

**With the primary elections just passed I feel honored and blessed to have received the confidence of the citizens of House District 2 to continue my service. I want to remind all the constituents that I will continue to be responsive to all who contact me or my office and will stay true to the beliefs and values that represent all in Hunt, Rains, and Van Zandt Counties.**

**This election cycle politics in Texas were overrun with hotly contested races, with a very public question as to how many of either party chose to switch sides simply to vote for the most "beatable candidate." It was a unique election for many reasons, but the concept of voting in the minority party's primary with a goal to elect the weakest candidate was by far the most provocative aspect. Regardless of vote-strategy, record numbers of people came to vote with over 4,252,386 Texans showing up to cast their vote.**

**I feel it is most important to support a presidential candidate who will enforce our immigration laws, keep the tax cuts permanent, fight terrorism, limit the growth of government and protect the sanctity of life and our traditional family values. The two candidates who challenge our nation's current leader's policies are both on record that they will raise your taxes, "cut and run" in the war against terrorism, and we can look to a major expansion of government and bring about regulations that could push people further out of the American dream by making mortgage loans more unattainable.**

**While the presidential hopefuls got the headlines, numerous conservative and "friendly to the Speaker" House members were under attack by well financed groups. Results indicate that the power of Speaker of the House**

Tom Craddick does not appear to have been seriously threatened. Several of his opponents attempted to weaken the Speaker by running anti-Craddick candidates against well-qualified and experienced incumbents. I believe many of the tactics were misleading and tasteless as they used false statements and blatant mistruths. I will continue to support Speaker Craddick and maintain a high level of respect for his policies and leadership in the chamber.

I was encouraged by this election cycle with the high voter turnout and trust all will remember to return this fall. I encourage everyone to focus on the candidates that will best serve our great state of Texas.

A Recent article in the *WALL STREET JOURNAL* reflects how Texas has been prospering, and the reasons are apparent of what works and what doesn't in economic policy.

The Texas economy has boomed since 2004, with nearly twice the rate of new job creation as the rest of the nation. Texas's growth certainly questions that free trade costs American jobs. The Anti-NAFTA effort does not play well in El Paso, South Texas and Houston, which have become gateway cities for commerce with Latin America and have flourished since the North American Free Trade Agreement passed Congress in 1993. Texas has gained 36,000 manufacturing jobs since 2004 and has ranked as the nation's top exporting state for six years in a row. Its \$168 billion of exports in 2007 translate into tens of thousands of jobs.

The article points out that while many of the northern states are losing auto jobs, many of these jobs are not fleeing to China, Mexico or India. They've moved to more business-friendly U.S. states, including Texas. General Motors recently announced plans for a new plant to build hybrid cars near the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex. In 2006 Texas exported \$5.5 billion of cars and trucks to Mexico and \$2.4 billion worth to Canada.

Texas has no income tax, which is a huge competitive advantage while many of the northern states are still in the grip of industrial unions and still operating as a "closed shop" state, which means workers can be forced to join a union whether they wish to or not. Many companies -- especially foreign-owned -- say they will not even consider such locations for new sites. States with "right to work" laws make union organizing more difficult, according to the National Institute for Labor Relations.

Texas as a right to work state continues to add jobs by the tens of thousands. Nearly 1,000 new plants have been built in Texas since 2005

and companies like Toyota, Microsoft, Samsung and Fujitsu have brought more than 345,000 jobs. The *JOURNAL* goes on to say that Texas embraces free trade, keeps taxes low, doesn't impose unions on business and has tooled itself for the 21st century and global competition.

Legislative grades for the 80th Session that were generated on Members based upon how they cast their votes during the session have been posted. Many groups create legislative score cards as they monitor how legislators vote on pertinent issues and hold them accountable. I was honored to be recognized by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility for a strong commitment to commonsense protections and responsible spending. I was one of 15 of the 150 member house to be designated a "Texas Taxpayer Hero".

I was fortunate to also receive recognition for protecting Texas taxpayers and businesses by several other organizations. The Americans for Prosperity named me as a "Friend of the Taxpayer" and the Texas Association of Business named me a "Champion for Free Enterprise. The National Federation of Independent Business ranked me as one of House Members who voted in favor of small businesses. I am humbled by the many endorsements including Right to Life groups, the NRA, TSRA and numerous business groups.

I continue to work on Committee assignments, meeting with constituents and assisting in Town Hall meetings around the state to assure we will be able to build on those members committed to conservative philosophy to keep Texas the very best place to live, raise our families and do business.

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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