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Rep. Dan Flynn Takes Action to Ensure US Constitution Taught in High School

Austin, Texas - Representative Dan Flynn has filed House Bill 2362, the US Constitution Educational Bill, in an effort to retain the historical importance of this document to the Judeo-Christian Heritage of the United States. A wide lack of information concerning American history is the most recognized symptom of the troubling decline in popular knowledge of the fundamental principles that guided our founding fathers in their formation of our current form of government. The future of our rights as a State and fixing what is broken in the Federal system depends on us reclaiming America's First Principles.

Thomas Jefferson once warned that, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free in a state of civilization it expects what never was and never will be." The bill would require that all 12th graders take a class for one semester on the US Constitution studying its creation, foundations and amendments through history as a primer for the students who plan to exercise their right to vote often within that same senior year. In addition, by looking at the history that lead up to the actual Constitution, the students would learn more contextually at a time they can soon act upon what they learn about the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, the Federalist Papers and the debates that lead to the drafting of the Constitution which has laid the foundation for American Culture and it would no longer be something they studied well in the past or for an inadequate amount of time in High School.

"One of the priorities for all Texas schools should be to teach the US Constitution and American

culture." said Representative Flynn. "I am concerned that the failure to spend adequate time on the fundamental document of our representative form of government during a time when young adults are planning to vote for the first time is a direct result of distractions with less important requirements and time spent funding many politically correct programs and mandating how they should be run at both the State and Federal level. The few days currently spent in High school on this subject pale in comparison to the time spent on other subjects and a more equal weight should be provided."

This legislation is in part a defense against the push for national education standards and will begin to address federal overreach. This is a battle against example after example of intrusion by the Federal government into lives of American culture. Education, banking and health care must not be guided by the priorities of Washington rather than the needs of the American people and Texans. National standards would give the federal government even more power over education at the expense of parents and communities. Representative Flynn further said, "Empowering bureaucrats instead of parents is not the right course for the citizens of Texas." Representative Flynn continues to fight against this level of intrusion and stands with parents, students and teachers in the fight to do what is right for our children and eliminate pervasive doubt about the core or first principles that have defined America and that should inform and guide our public policy and politics.