

Capitol Update

SENATOR BRANDON CREIGHTON



84th Legislative Session

Hello from your Texas Capitol!

Under the Dome

Filing Deadline: Today is the last day for legislators to file legislation for the 84th Regular Session and my staff and I have been working tirelessly to lay the ground work for a legislative package that best benefits the people of Senate District 4. Look out highlights of our legislation in our next Capitol Update! To search legislation, visit the Texas Legislature Online at www.capitol.state.tx.us.



Spending Cap: In the 2012, 93% of Texas Republican voters overwhelmingly said they were in favor of limiting any increase in government spending. This week, I joined Senator Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills) as a co-author of [Senate Bill 9](#) and [Senate Joint Resolution 2](#) to reinforce our constitutional spending limits by tying to population plus inflation, rather than personal income. These stricter measures would prevent state spending from growing faster than our state's economy.

Parent Empowerment: According to the Texas Education Agency, over 146,000 students are trapped in almost 300 failing public schools with two or more consecutive years of failure. This is why Senator Larry Taylor (R-Friendswood) and I are working shoulder-to-shoulder to advance and strengthen Texas' current parent empowerment law by filing [Senate Bill 14](#). SB 14 allows parents of children in a failing school to petition for the reconstitution, repurposing, alternative management, or closure of low-performing public campuses after two years instead of the current statute of five years. Texas students deserve every opportunity to reach their full potential and parents deserve every tool available to take action and make a difference in their school districts.

Honoring our Veterans: This week, I presented Senate Bill 193 before the Committee on Senate Transportation. This legislation will create a specialty license plate for recipients of the Soldier's, Navy & Marine Corps, Airman's and Coast Guard Medals. It is a priority of mine to recognize veterans' incredible acts of valor in non-combat situations.

A Groovy Kind of Love

On Wednesday, musician Phil Collins became an honorary Texan for contributing his private collection of Alamo and Texas Revolution artifacts to the state of Texas. Those artifacts include a rifle and leather pouch owned by Davy Crockett and an original Jim Bowie knife. How does a British pop star come to collect such rare artifacts of our state's history? Well, his love for the Alamo began as a child watching the Walt Disney television show,

"Davy Crockett." After that, he began collecting artifacts throughout his musical career. Thank you to Mr. Phil Collins for giving Texas back part of its heritage!



In the News

- Creighton legislation would strengthen schools, empower parents, *Conroe Courier*
- Franchise Tax in Creighton's Crosshairs, *Empower Texans*
- Montgomery County legislators push to repeal or alter franchise tax, *Community Impact - The Woodlands*

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