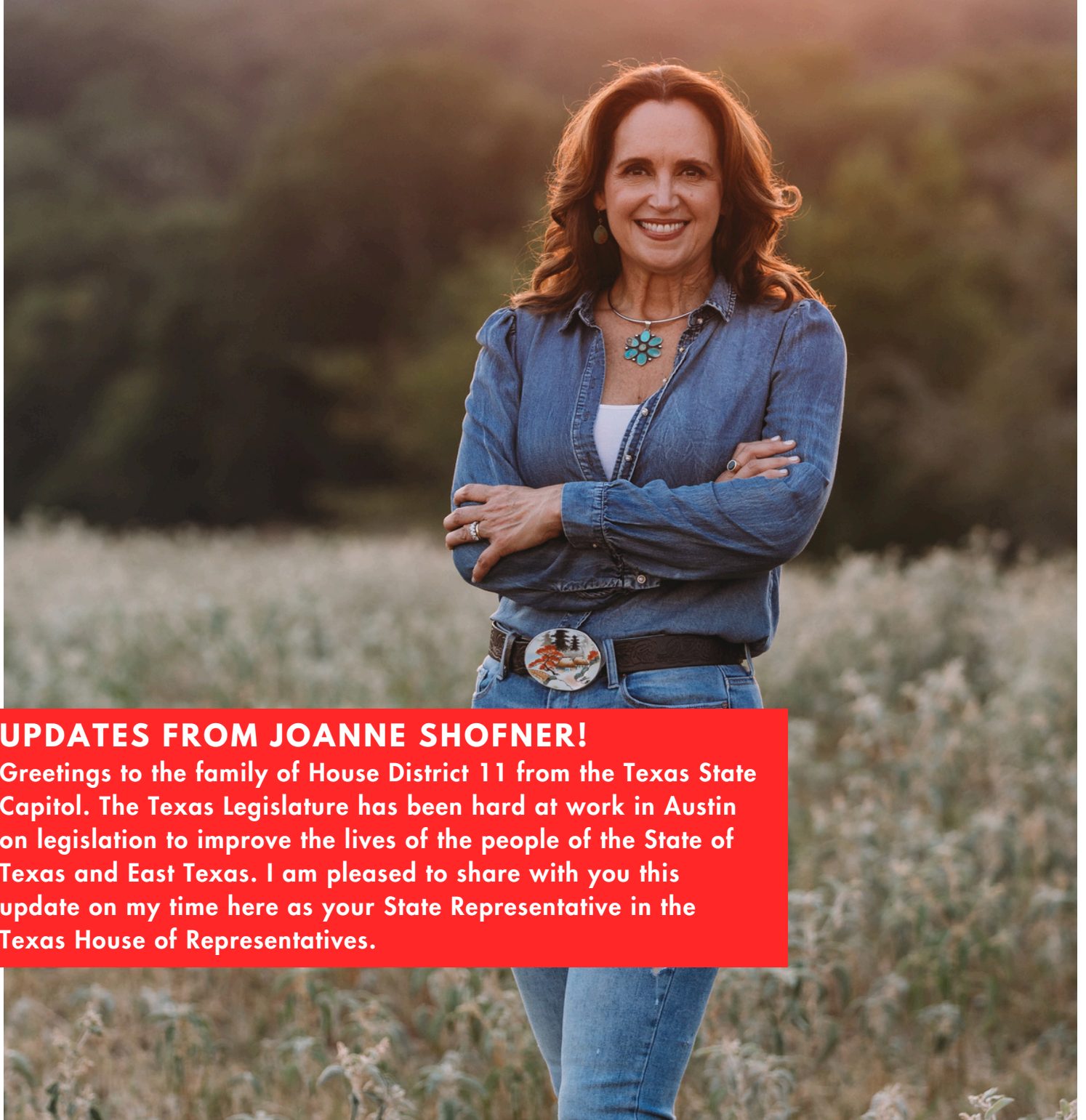


JOANNE-SHOFNER

Texas State Representative, HD 11



UPDATES FROM JOANNE SHOFNER!

Greetings to the family of House District 11 from the Texas State Capitol. The Texas Legislature has been hard at work in Austin on legislation to improve the lives of the people of the State of Texas and East Texas. I am pleased to share with you this update on my time here as your State Representative in the Texas House of Representatives.

HOUSE BILL 4234 LAY OUT



I had the opportunity to lay out House Bill 4234, which would require that a student's postsecondary transcript include the average or median grade awarded in each class.

This added context helps ensure a more accurate and transparent reflection of academic performance, especially in competitive programs or institutions. It's a common-sense step forward in supporting Texas students as they pursue further education or enter the workforce.

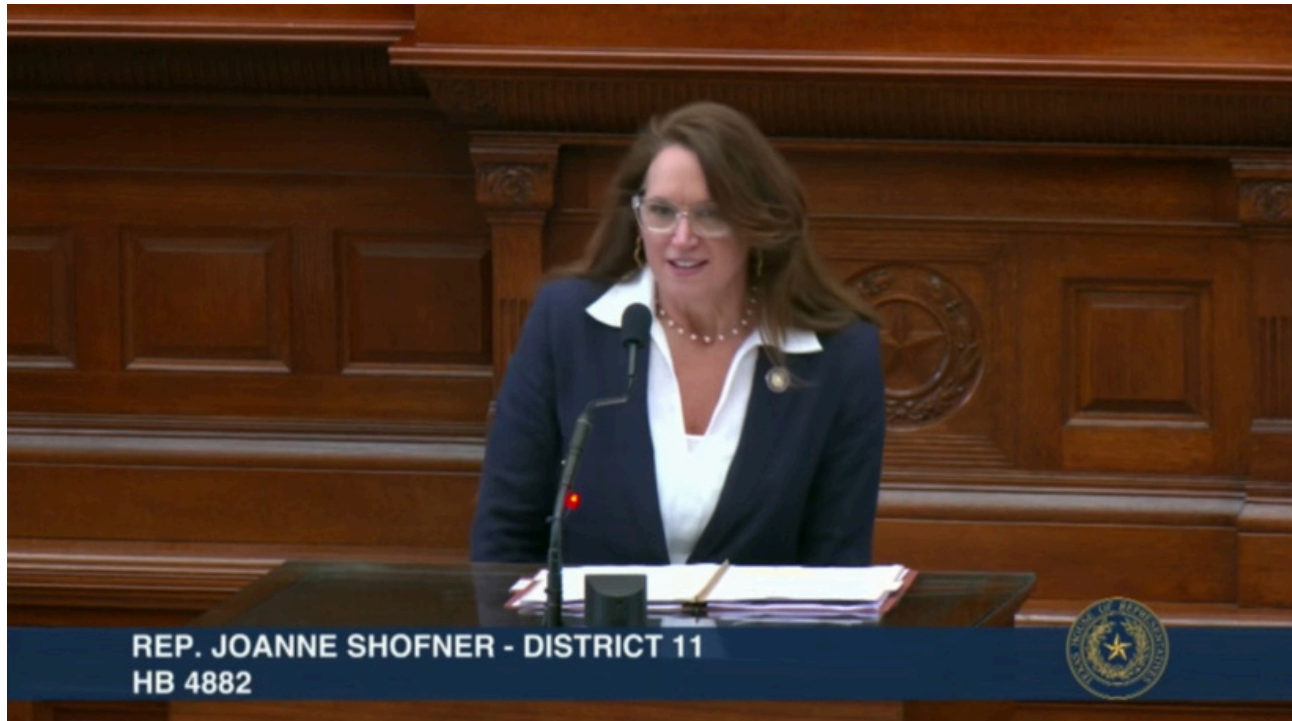
[HB 4234](#)



[HB 4234 ANALYSIS](#)



HOUSE BILL 4882 LAY OUT



I had the honor of laying out House Bill 4882, which aims to enhance the early detection of congenital cytomegalovirus (CMV) in newborns.

CMV is a leading cause of non-genetic childhood hearing loss and can lead to other serious neurodevelopmental disabilities. This bill mandates that birthing facilities perform CMV testing on newborns before discharge, with certain exceptions, ensuring timely intervention and support for affected families.

By integrating CMV screening into the standard newborn testing process, we take a significant step toward safeguarding the health and development of Texas children.

[HB 4882](#)



[HB 4882 ANALYSIS](#)



HOUSE BILL 2638 LAY OUT



I had the privilege of laying out House Bill 2638, which designates a portion of Farm-to-Market Road 10 in Panola County as the Deputy Sheriff Chris Dickerson Memorial Highway.

Deputy Dickerson served with honor and was tragically killed in the line of duty on December 31, 2019. Deputy Dickerson was an Army National Guardsman for eight years, a volunteer firefighter, a softball coach, a husband, and a father. This memorial highway will serve as a lasting tribute to his bravery, sacrifice, and the impact he made in our East Texas community.

We are forever grateful for his service.

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HOUSE BILL 229

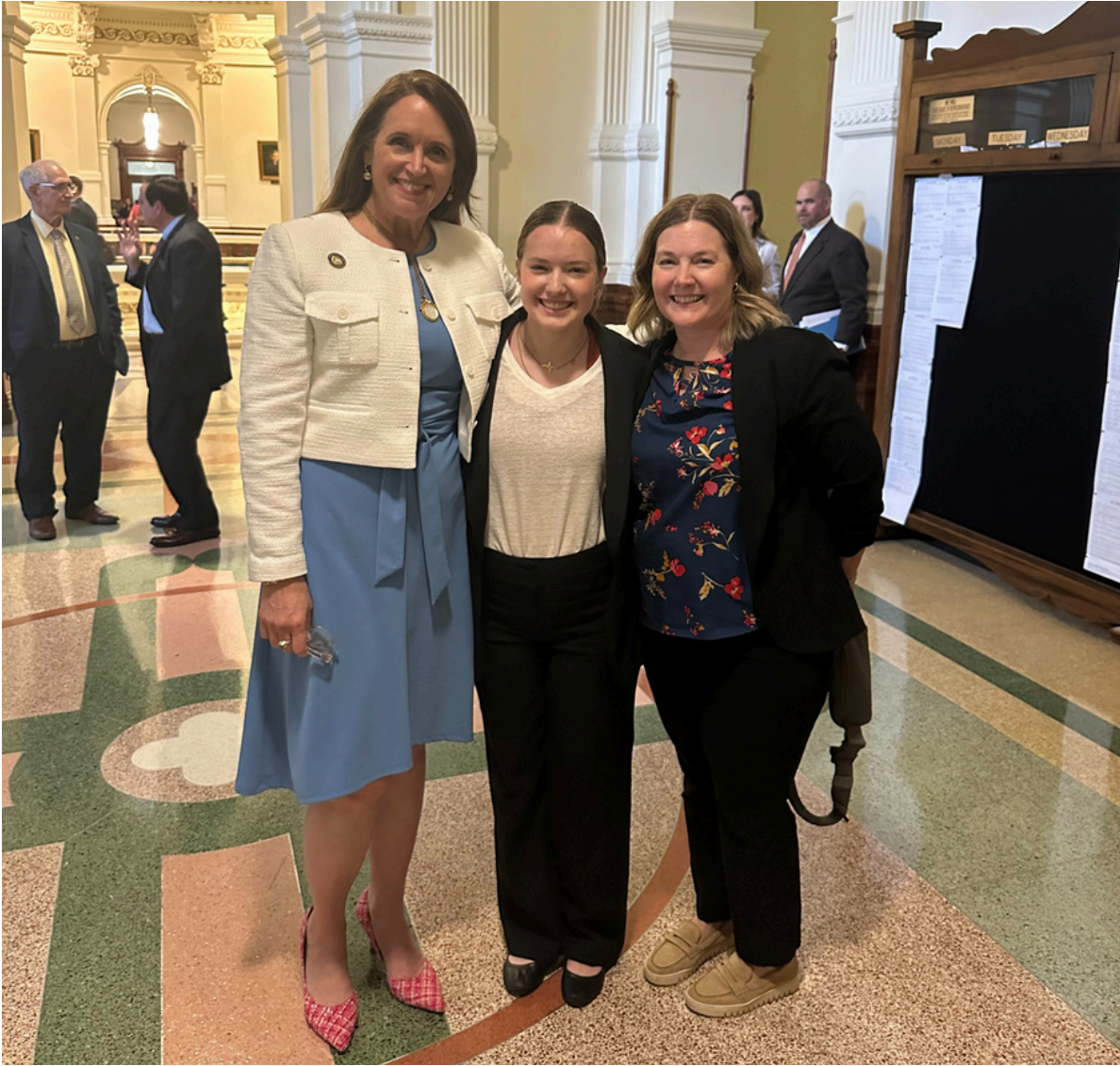


I am so incredibly proud of my dear friend Ellen Troxclair!

She delivered a masterclass in defending Texas women. Thanks to her efforts, the definition of "woman" will be codified into Texas law, ensuring women's spaces remain safe and protected with House Bill 229.

It's great to see common sense making a comeback along with reform and revival!

HONORARY PAGE FOR A DAY



On May 8, 2025, we were proud to welcome Emery Chenault of Henderson High School as an Honorary Page for Representative Shofner at the Texas Capitol!

As a Page for the Day, Emery assisted on the House floor by running errands for members and getting a behind-the-scenes look at how our state government works. We're always inspired by young leaders stepping up and engaging in the legislative process!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATES!



KILGORE COLLEGE



[PANOLA COLLEGE]



Congratulations to all the graduates of House District 11 at SFASU, Panola College, and Kilgore College, here's to your bright futures ahead!



A MESSAGE FROM REP. JOANNE SHOFNER!

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