

From State Rep. Paul B. Haring
Goliad, Texas
To the People of District 34
October 30, 1965

*Dear Mr. Darcia
This record would have
been impossible without
your help. I hope you will
stay with me in the future.
Thank you again. Your friend,
Paul Haring*

For the past five years it has been my pleasure to serve the wonderful people of District 34 as your State Representative in the Texas Legislature. I am very grateful to you for having given me this opportunity.

Reviewing some of the major accomplishments in the Legislature, I cannot help feeling that I played a part in making Texas a little better place to live. During the three terms for which you elected me I worked hard in many areas. Some of these included:

a. Authored and secured final passage of the Resolution which created the first legislative committee to study divorce and the means of strengthening family life in Texas.

b. Initiated the movement for legislation to create a statewide program for assisting students in securing loans to obtain a college education in Texas.

c. Served on a special interim committee which investigated the misuse of abandoned personal funds and co-authored Gov. Price Daniel's escheat bill to assist in locating and protecting the rights of owners of abandoned accounts.

d. Authored and passed measure to create Zaragoza State Park. Texas and Mexico are jointly studying the development of this park.

e. Co-authored bill to reorganize and strengthen the San Antonio River Authority.

f. Authored and passed legislation creating the Three Rivers Water District.

g. Sponsored legislation improving the game laws for the 34th District.

h. Authored and passed economy measure to abolish the office of County School Superintendent in Bee County and Ex-officio County School Superintendent in Goliad County effecting considerable savings to the taxpayers.

i. Authored and passed resolution supporting President John F. Kennedy's strong stand taken during the Berlin crises.

j. Co-sponsored measure to improve education in Texas and give the school teachers the much-needed pay increase.

k. Co-authored legislation to improve the old age assistance program.

l. Served as vice chairman of the Divorce Study Committee and helped to write the very favorably received committee report and secured House approval of one of the major recommendations to tighten the divorce laws in Texas.

m. Sponsored a bill to set up guidelines for the creation of local human relations commissions and strongly opposed legislation designed to discriminate against minority groups.

n. Introduced one of the first congressional redistricting bills which was designed to eliminate political discrimination. The bill received very favorable praise from leaders of both parties and major

Texas newspapers.

o. Strongly opposed legislation to raise the interest rates in Texas.

p. Opposed the compulsory oil and gas pooling bill and voted for all amendments which would have helped the landowner.

q. Strongly opposed the destruction of our coastal waters by the depletion of irreplaceable oyster shell and introduced legislation to protect the bays.

r. Strongly opposed the horrible administration of the Austin State Hospital which resulted in major reforms. The charges made against the hospital administration were substantiated by a special Department of Public Safety investigation. The abuse of patients was halted and state employees who had been unjustly discharged for seeking to correct these abuses were re-instated.

s. Introduced the first administrative procedure act to be sponsored in the Texas Legislature. This bill was designed to protect the citizens against the arbitrary use of power by state administrative agencies.

It is with reluctance that I announce my decision not to seek another term as your Representative. In the very near future I will announce my plan to seek a promotion in your government and hope that you will find it possible to continue to give me the excellent support that you have in the past.