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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE CECIL BELL RECAPS THE 83RD SESSION AND
LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUED SERVICE**

MAGNOLIA, TX-- With the 83rd Legislative Session coming to a close, and after three called Special Sessions, State Representative Cecil Bell this week reflected on his time in Austin. "It is my honor to represent Montgomery and Waller Counties in the Texas Legislature. I set out this session to represent our communities with dignity, respect, accountability, and transparency, and we were successful in achieving just that." Bell continued, "During the 83rd session I focused on legislation that reduced government while enhancing our rights and privileges and am proud to report that sixteen of the bills I carried have now been signed into law by Governor Perry."

During the 83rd Regular Session, Bell authored and successfully passed 16 bills into law. The new laws include among others, measures that establish dual credit access and technology courses, liability protection to volunteers during times of man-made or natural disasters, protect employers' unemployment tax accounts from chargebacks associated with unemployment benefits paid to former employees who left for reasons that are "urgent, compelling and necessary", and removing restrictive proficiency requirements for concealed handgun license holders.

Bell serves on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, the House Economic and Small Business Development Committee and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Articles VI, VII and VIII of the Appropriations Bill.

"I am committed to protecting our shared values of freedom, faith, family and the limited government intended by our forefathers. I remain committed to serving the people of House District 3" said Bell. "As this session was drawing to a close we were already working to find solutions to the next series of problems which are facing the district and facing Texas. I believe that the preservation of capitalism and the free enterprise system is essential to ensuring that our children inherit a prosperous and thriving Texas, where liberty and freedom abounds. It remains my honor and privilege to represent you in the Texas Legislature. Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff at (512) 463-0650."

Representative Bell is a sixth generation Texan. He is the owner of several companies constructing water and wastewater facilities, utilities and other infrastructure. He and his wife, Jo Ann, have two sons and live in Magnolia, Texas.