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Sen. Campbell Celebrates Passage of Tax Relief, Other Legislative Priorities
Session Highlights Include Annexation Reform, Medical Cannabis Oil, and ASR Water Bills

AUSTIN – Senator Donna Campbell wrapped up the 86th Legislature by voting in favor of property tax reform, school finance, and the budget for the next biennium. Prior to the weekend, however, she had already passed the bulk of her legislative priorities with only a few key items failing to pass both houses.

"In the nearly eight years since I first came to Austin, Texans have been clamoring for property tax relief and school finance reform. To deliver on both of these issues this session is historic," said Senator Campbell. "I'm honored to be able to play a role in making Texas a better place to live, and I'm thankful that voters trusted me to come here and vote to pass such meaningful reforms."

Senator Campbell passed fifty bills through the Texas Senate this session. Over thirty of those are headed to the Governor's desk after passing both legislative chambers. She called the legislative session, in which she sat on six committees including Finance and Education, challenging but successful.

"Obviously, I want to pass every bill I introduce. There were some disappointments, but the blessing of perseverance is success," Senator Campbell stated. "Some bills take more than one session to plant as ideas and ultimately become laws, and I plan on refile many of these next session."

Among the bills that passed the Senate but died in the House were those to provide property tax relief for the spouses of military service members killed in the line of duty, as well as bills to improve border security through the eradication of Carrizo cane and to create a high school elective focused on teaching the founding principles and writings of America's founding fathers.

Still, Senator Campbell was able to shepherd key bills all the way to the Governor on important issues such as occupational licensing for military spouses, the right to vote on municipal annexation, access to medical cannabis oil for patients with certain conditions, spreading awareness of and resources for Alzheimer's Disease, increased transparency of taxpayer debt, strengthening second amendment rights, and enacting local measures to conserve and store drinking water for later use.

A list of some of the legislative priorities she successfully passed is attached.

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