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Senator César J. Blanco Appointed to Powerful Senate Committees for the 89th Texas Legislature

Austin, Texas – Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick today announced Senate committee assignments for the 89th Texas Legislature, naming Senator César J. Blanco (SD29) to four powerful committees: Business and Commerce, Health and Human Services, Natural Resources, and Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs. Senator Blanco will also continue his critical work on the Texas Sunset Commission, a role he was appointed to in 2024. These assignments position Senator Blanco to elevate the voices and priorities of El Paso and West Texas in shaping Texas' future.

Senator Blanco released the following statement:

"I'm deeply honored by these appointments by Lt. Governor Patrick. Membership on these committees is a huge win for the working families and communities of El Paso and West Texas. These committees are central to addressing our state's most pressing challenges and kitchentable issues that families care about. I'm committed to delivering results that prioritize opportunity, affordability, and economic security for hardworking families.

"As a member of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, I will continue to champion efforts to expand access to affordable healthcare, tackle critical workforce shortages, and improve mental and maternal healthcare. Families in West Texas deserve the peace of mind that comes from knowing they can access quality care close to home, and I won't stop fighting to make that a reality.

"Our region is a powerhouse of renewable and traditional energy resources. On the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, I'll push for an 'all of the above and all of the below' energy strategy that leverages West Texas' wind, solar, geothermal, and oil and gas production. This approach ensures we meet Texas' growing energy needs while safeguarding our economic and environmental future.

"Rural communities are critical to the success of our State, and the Senate Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs Committee is where we tackle the issues that matter most to them—securing water resources, expanding rural healthcare, delivering broadband access, and delivering food, fiber, and fuel across Texas. When rural Texas thrives, Texas thrives.

"For the first time, I'll serve on the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce which shapes policies that impact the economic landscape of Texas, oversees legislation affecting businesses, consumers, and our economic infrastructure. I'm eager to advance policies that support our "mom and pop" small businesses, create good-paying jobs, improve cross-border trade, and build the infrastructure that keeps Texas an economic powerhouse on the global stage."

Senator Blanco's focus on putting people over politics reflects his commitment to real solutions and meaningful progress for El Paso and West Texas.

From the bustling small businesses in El Paso to the hardworking farmers, ranchers, and patch workers across West Texas, Senator Blanco is fighting to ensure every Texan has a fair shot at success. These committee assignments allow him to address the issues that matter most: creating opportunity, building economic security, and keeping Texas a leader in innovation and prosperity.

"Together, we can build a future where affordability, opportunity, and a commitment to our communities define what it means to live in Texas," Senator Blanco said. "Let's get to work."