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## **STATE REPRESENTATIVE TRENT ASHBY ANNOUNCES THAT HE WILL SEEK REELECTION**

*East Texas Republican Lawmaker to seek second term in  
District 57 seat in Texas House of Representatives*

**Lufkin, Texas**—After a successful legislative session, State Representative Trent Ashby (R-Lufkin) today officially announced that he will file for reelection and seek a second term to continue his service to the people of East Texas.

**“It is a great honor for me to represent the wonderful people who are blessed to call this area home,”** Ashby stated. **“Since being elected, I have worked hard to make real progress on the issues that are important to East Texans, as well as represent them in a manner that would make them proud.”**

During the 83rd Regular Session, Representative Ashby helped champion important legislation that dealt with financing the State Water Plan, curtailing high-stakes testing in public education, strengthening our transportation infrastructure, and growing the state economy while limiting government spending. He was a member of the House Appropriations Committee that produced a fiscally conservative and balanced budget without raising taxes. In his first year as a legislator, Representative Ashby had six bills signed into law, and coauthored multiple gun bills that protected the 2nd Amendment rights of Texans.

**“We had a strong first session, but there is still plenty of work to be done,”** Representative Ashby said. **“As our great state continues to grow, and as people increasingly move to the urban and suburban areas, it is more important than ever that the legislators representing rural Texas stand tall for our values, our people, and our way of life. I pledge to continue to do just that.”**

Representative Ashby was voted Freshman of the Year by his colleagues the House Republican Caucus and was selected as one of the Best Freshmen Legislators of 2013 by *Capitol Inside*. In addition to being a member of the House Committee on Appropriations, he served on the House

Committee on Natural Resources and was appointed by the Speaker of the Texas House as a member of the Multi-State Energy Council.

**“We were humbled to have some accolades come our way this year,”** commented Ashby. **“But one of the things I am most proud of, and that I will continue to prioritize, is our office’s commitment to constituent service. I want folks to know that they can pick up the phone at any time and either myself or my staff will do all we can to help them with what they need.”**

Representative Ashby represents House District 57, comprised of Angelina, Houston, Leon, Madison, San Augustine and Trinity Counties. He is the President of Community Title in Lufkin, where he and his wife, Nickie, live with their two sons.

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