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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE CECIL BELL LOOKS TO
CONTINUE SERVICE FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 3**

MAGNOLIA, TX-- State Representative Cecil Bell Jr. spent Monday morning in Austin at the Texas GOP headquarters where he filed the necessary paperwork to remain State Representative for House District 3 covering parts of Montgomery County and Waller County. His remarks in Austin included, "It will be my honor to continue to serve in the Texas Legislature representing our communities with dignity, respect, accountability, and transparency. We had a very good session in terms of what we were able to accomplish and I'd like to build on that momentum."

During this past Legislative 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.

Over the last several months there has been much speculation about Bell leaving the House to run for State Senate or Texas Agriculture Commissioner. When asked about the rumors, Bell commented, "It's always flattering to hear your name associated with those types of opportunities. At the end of the day, the weight of the work left to be done for the constituents of House District 3, for Montgomery and Waller County as a whole, demands my commitment to doing this job to the best of my ability."

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. 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.