

# Dunnam

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provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, it is incredibly important that the Texas Legislature have a constant, open dialogue with its Federal counterpart. I am excited about this unique opportunity to work on all of the committees I have been assigned to, and, as always, I will keep the citizens of House District 57 in mind as I consider economic, transportation and environmental regulation issues."

Announcing the House committee assignments, Speaker Straus stated, "When I was elected Speaker of the House, I committed to create an environment where members could operate fairly and allow them to bring their best talent forward to confront the difficult challenges facing our state. In selecting Representative Dunnam as committee chair, I considered his wisdom, experience and proven ability to provide new, dynamic leadership and offer fresh ideas."

The Select Committee on Federal Economic Stabilization Funding will be responsible for monitoring the actions of the Federal government in relation to efforts to promote economic recovery. The proclamation by Speaker Joe Straus, who created the committee, stated that "[T]he committee shall examine federal funding made available to the state in the areas of transportation, health care, and education and communicate with federal officials to determine appropriate state legislation needed to maximize the state's receipt of federal funds." The committee will make recommendations to the House Committee on Appropriations as the session progresses. Rep. Myra Crowover (R-Lake Dallas), was selected as Rep. Dunnam's vice-chair.

The House Committee on Transportation has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the Texas highways system, the licensing of vehicles, railroads, airports and the Texas Department of

Transportation, among others.

"Serving on the Transportation committee is important to our District for any number of reasons," Rep. Dunnam said. "Building and improving reliable corridors that connect our rural communities to urban areas is in everyone's best interest. But, we have to do that in a way that protects land owners and the environment that we rely so heavily on for agricultural prosperity. We have an incredibly difficult challenge in maintaining and improving our highway and rail systems, but I'm looking forward to doing the work necessary to repair and improve them."

The Committee on Environmental Regulation, holds jurisdiction over matters pertaining to air, land, and water pollution, including the environmental regulation of industrial development. Among the committee's other areas of responsibility, it has oversight of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

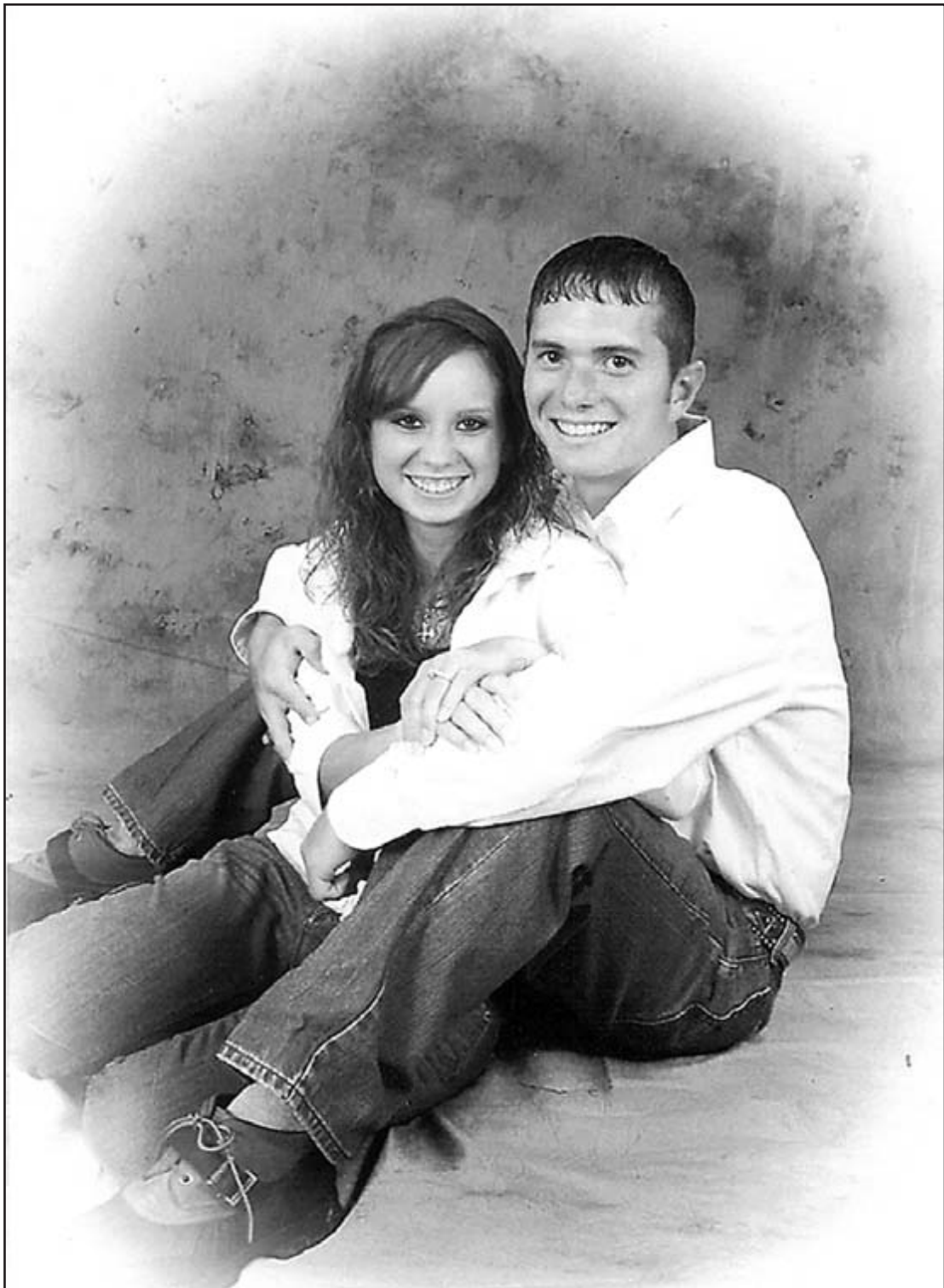
"The actions we will take on that committee have the

potential to affect the overall health of our state's citizens and environment." Rep. Dunnam said. "As we consider bills, I will not only be thinking about today's environment, but I will especially be thinking about how our actions are going to affect future generations. As a parent, there is nothing more important to me than ensuring that we preserve our environment for future Texans."

Rep. Dunnam's committee assignments for the 81st Legislature allow him to continue working on issues in which he has previously taken a deep interest. His committee assignments are keenly important for the Central Texas area, and they will facilitate Rep. Dunnam's continued efforts to protect the public's health and safety and strengthen Central Texas' economic development.

For more information on committees or any other issue, Rep. Dunnam encourages interested individuals to contact his office at (512) 463-0508 or, toll free, at (866) 753-8546.

# Baty-Glass Engagement Announced



John and Rita Baty of Buffalo, Texas, proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Rachael Nicole Baty to Brandon Lee Glass, son of Nolan and Debbie Glass of Dew, Texas. Brandon graduated from Teague High School in 2005. He then attended Trinity Valley Community College from which he obtained a degree in paramedicine. He currently works at Fairfield EMS. Rachael graduated from Buffalo High School and is now attending the University of Texas at Tyler Nursing Program and will graduate in May of 2009. They are planning a wedding on September 26, 2009.



Henry Meek and Charlie Casey will reign as this year's Valentine's King and Queen at the Buffalo Senior Citizens' Center. Van 'Go' photo

## Buffalo Senior Citizens celebrate Valentines



Patrons of the Buffalo Senior Citizens Center celebrated Valentines Day on Friday with a special luncheon. The festivities were enhanced by red and white decorations and desserts, and the folks selected their Valentines Queen and King, Charlie Casey and Henry Meek. Betty Meek was recognized as the lone February birthday in the crowd.

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Patrons of the Buffalo Senior Citizens Center enjoyed a special Valentines Day lunch complete with holiday decorations and treats -- all in red and white, of course!  
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