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Congressman Michael C. Burgess speaks to representatives of the City of Fort Worth about local issues.

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26TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



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*Welcome to the 26th Congressional District of Texas.  
I want you to know it is an honor and a privilege for me to  
represent you in the United States Congress.*

I believe that the 26th Congressional District is illustrative of our Nation as a whole. The district is a diverse area that represents the best neighborhoods and communities in our state. The district contains portions of Denton County, Tarrant County, Cooke and Dallas Counties expanding from Southeast Fort Worth, through the heart of Denton, up through Gainesville to the Red River.

In my first term, I served the 26th District as a Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, House Science Committee and the House Government Reform Committee. I was also selected as Chairman of the House Policy Subcommittee on Health and served on a task force devoted to bringing all Medicare patients a prescription drug plan.

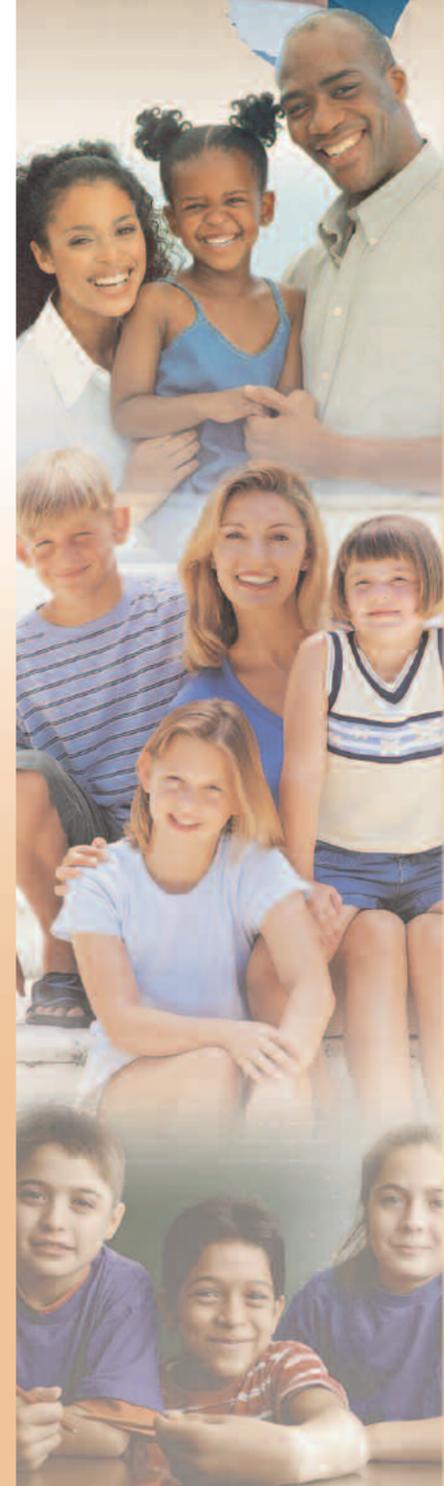
In the 109th Congress, I have been honored to be selected to the prestigious House Energy and Commerce Committee. The Energy and Commerce Committee has jurisdiction over legislation relating to health care, telecommunications, energy and international trade. The Committee has oversight of the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Energy and the Federal Communications Commission. All of these issues are vital to North Texas and impact our daily lives. In addition to my committee assignment, I will continue my work to bring you better roads, stronger homeland security, tax fairness and an improved education system.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, I am looking out for you and for America, and I pledge to you that I will use every tool available to me to ensure that your voice is heard so that we can make a positive difference for the 26th District. As your representative, my door is always open to you, and my staff and I are ready to help. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns you may have about the Federal Government. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve you in Congress.

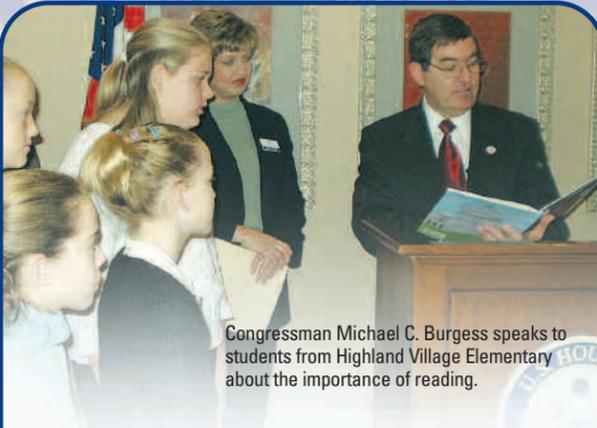
Sincerely



**Michael C. Burgess, M.D.**  
Member of Congress



# Constituent Service Guide for the Twenty Sixth District



Congressman Michael C. Burgess speaks to students from Highland Village Elementary about the importance of reading.

## Mission Statement

*“To serve effectively and energetically all people of the 26th U.S. Congressional District of Texas. I vow to provide a common sense voice for local priorities on the national level. To the best of my ability, I pledge to champion sound reforms that make government more responsive to citizens and have a direct, tangible and positive impact on people’s daily lives.”*

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## On The Issues...

### Health Care

- Improve health care affordability, accessibility and quality of care
- Promote initiatives that will allow consumers to have direct control over their health care dollars
- Increase National Institutes of Health funding for medical research
- Advocate legislation to preserve the right to life



Congressman Burgess participates in a hearing on medical liability.

### Transportation

- Increase federal funding for improvements on local roads, and state and federal highways
- Institute aviation security measures
- Advocate to streamline the process to build roads
- Make your commute to work or your child’s ride to school safe

### Economic Development and Growth

- Champion for reducing taxes and returning money to the taxpayer
- Advocate for a fairer, simpler tax system
- Work to bring new business to communities throughout the 26th District
- Work to bring federal grant money back to local communities

### Safe Schools and Communities

- Increase local control and flexibility
- Support greater school accountability
- Advocate for drug-free schools and communities
- Ensure local colleges and universities remain vital institutions of higher education

### War on Terrorism

- Support liberty and democracy around the world
- Ensure that our soldiers have the necessary tools to win
- Advocate for federal funding of first responders and emergency personnel
- Provide stronger national intelligence and border security



While visiting soldiers in Iraq, Congressman Burgess discusses their military operation and hands out Texas Ranger hats.

My **District Offices** can provide assistance with the following:



#### Assistance with Federal Agencies

If you have a concern regarding Social Security, IRS, Passports, Immigration and Naturalization Services, Veterans Issues, Medicare, Medicaid, Military Cases, HUD, USDA, etc., please contact:

Janice Zimmerman, Constituent Services Director, Lewisville District Office at (972) 434-9700  
Melanie Torres, Constituent Liaison, Fort Worth District Office at (817) 531-8454.



#### Academy Appointments

An individual interested in attending one of our nation’s Service Academies must meet their admissions requirements and receive a Congressional nomination. Interested applicants should contact Robin Vaughan, Lewisville District Office Manager at (972) 434-9700.

Academy Days will be held on the following:

**Tarrant County:**  
Saturday, April 30, 2005  
9:00-11:00 AM  
Tarrant Community College,  
Northeast Campus, Hurst

**Cooke & Denton County:**  
Saturday, April 9, 2005  
9:00-11:00 AM  
North Central Texas College,  
Gainesville



#### Internships

Congressional Internships are available in my Washington, DC and Lewisville District Office. To be considered for an intern position, please contact Whitney Thompson, Staff Assistant, in our Washington, DC Office at (202) 225-7772 or Robin Vaughan, Lewisville District Office Manager at (972) 434-9700.

My **Washington, DC Office** can provide assistance with the following:



#### Flag Requests

If you would like to purchase an American Flag that has flown over the U.S. Capitol, please contact Whitney Thompson, Staff Assistant, in our Washington, DC Office at (202) 225-7772 to coordinate your purchase and the certificate of authenticity.



#### U.S. Capitol Tours

If you would like to visit the U.S. House of Representatives or the U.S. Senate while they are “in session,” gallery passes are available from the Washington, DC Office. To arrange a tour of the U.S. Capitol, please contact Whitney Thompson, Staff Assistant, in our Washington, DC Office at (202) 225-7772 and indicate the dates you will be visiting. Please make your request no less than six weeks in advance.



#### White House Greetings

The Office of Congressman Michael C. Burgess coordinates constituent receipt of letters from President George W. Bush honoring birthdays (80 or older), anniversaries (50 or more years) and Eagle/Girl Scout recognition letters. Please contact Whitney Thompson, Staff Assistant, in our Washington, DC Office at (202) 225-7772 for more details.