

Text of Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address November 21, 2012
“Blessings of Fruitful Fields and Healthful Skies”

Hello this is your congressman, Michael Burgess. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the middle of the Civil War, that President Lincoln proclaimed that Thanksgiving Day be held each November. From my family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving.

I hope you will have a moment to reflect with family and friends on the areas where you can give thanks. For me, I am thankful for my family, the gift of living in the United States of America, our strong and capable military, our freedom, and our liberty. I am also honored and grateful to represent you, the constituents of the 26th District of Texas.

Giving thanks has helped bring our country together during the toughest of times. Right now America is facing hardships. Millions of Americans are still unemployed. I'm hopeful that better days are to come, but we do need to focus on putting Americans back to work; helping our small businesses thrive; and Federal spending must be reduced.

House Republicans have passed almost forty bills that focus on job creation. No one is satisfied with the current unemployment numbers. We have not reached the recovery the country so desperately needs. The Senate must take action if we are going to create an environment that promotes job growth.

As your congressman, I am committed to working to promote a pro-growth, pro-job creation agenda that will put people back to work, cut the national debt, and get the economy growing again.

As President Lincoln said, “The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies.” This year is no exception; next year will be even better.

This Thanksgiving we must also honor the men and women who are fighting overseas and are unable to spend this Thanksgiving with their families. Thank you, to you and your family, for your service and your sacrifice.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. God bless you and your family, and as always, may God bless Texas.