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## **Congressional Youth Advisory Council Fall Meeting Recap October 27, 2007**

Taking place in the North Richland Hills City Hall building, the CYAC began its first meeting of the season at 9:00 AM. After an introduction to the program from our District Administrator, Robin Vaughn, the meeting began with an informational session with Dr. Michael C. Burgess, a United States Congressman for the 26<sup>th</sup> District of Texas. His topic, "The Role of Federal Elected Officials" started off with a short speech in which Dr. Burgess ensured us that wherever he may be, he remains a Texan at heart, and will continue to serve in our best interests for as long as he holds his post.

He detailed his career for us, beginning with his OB/GYN practice and ending with his role as an elected official. While there are many different items going through the House of Representatives at this one point in time, in the words of Dr. Burgess, transportation "was and remains one of the most important issues we face." With his current focus landing on a bill proposed the previous Friday, giving the FDA expanded authority in light of the contaminated imports; I for one have full confidence that Dr. Burgess represents this District to the best of his ability.

The Next to speak was State Representative Kelly Hancock. A diligent Christian, he recounted his need for scripture and his family's acceptance when considering a job as a public official. With a 140-day session in Austin, Mr. Hancock makes about \$182,460. This information is divulged to ensure all of the students in attendance that the job he does is most definitely not for the money, but rather to make a substantial change in the community.

Following Mr. Hancock was Judge Glen Whitley of Tarrant County. He served as County Commissioner from 1997-2007, and was elected as the Judge this year. His