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Representative Ray Lopez Announces Re-Election Campaign

SAN ANTONIO — State Representative Ray Lopez is proud to announce that he will be seeking re-election to the Texas House of Representatives in 2022. Bringing over 30 years of public service experience to the job, Rep. Lopez is eager to continue the work to bring about resources and increase opportunities to meet the needs of our community.

Elected to the House of Representatives by a special election in March 2019, Rep. Lopez entered the legislative session after the bill filing deadline, and with less than 60 days left in the session. He became the first legislator in Texas history to suspend the House rules, file seven original pieces of legislation and pass two of those bills into law; earning a reputation of being a diligent, common sense legislator among his colleagues and constituents.

Through the 87th Legislative Session and the tribulations of the subsequent special sessions Representative Lopez remained true to himself and his district. He worked across party lines with colleagues from all parts of Texas to classify Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), the only Level 1 trauma center within the Department of Defense as a participating Medicaid provider, allowing BAMC to accept Medicaid as payment in full and eliminating medical debt for military and civilian critically injured patients. He lead an initiative that became Proposition 8 in the recent Constitutional Amendment election. With 88% support from Texas voters, together we created a property tax exemption for spouses of military service members who were killed in the line of duty. Among other legislative accomplishments he supported legislation to cap the cost of prescription insulin at \$25, expanded the medical cannabis Compassionate Use Program to include Texans with cancer and post traumatic stress disorder, expand access to broadband, and improve electric grid oversight and resiliency.

Representative Lopez issued the following statement, "In the face of major challenges over the last two years, including the Covid-19 pandemic and winter storm Uri, our determination drove us forward. Through successes in property tax relief, foster care reform, expanded access to healthcare, funding for public schools and expansion to Veterans' services, we found the silver lining amongst the chaos. It is my honor every day to represent the values, interests, and identity of House District 125. The work we have accomplished is a testament to our commitment and I look forward to continuing this momentum."

For more information about our community initiatives and re-election campaign visit <u>www.lopezfortexas.com</u>.