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**John Turner**

Texas House District 114

## Friends and neighbors of House District 114,

After much reflection, I have decided that I will not run for a third term as your State Representative.

This decision is for one reason alone, and that is my conclusion that another campaign and another full legislative session are not compatible with the time I need to devote at this stage in life to being a father and husband.

Serving in the Legislature requires being away from home and in Austin for a significant portion of each two-year term. Campaigning also takes up many evenings and weekends. This is in addition to one's regular job, which in my case is my law practice. I have a wonderful wife who works full-time as a professor, and two wonderful sons, ages 14 and 11. The next few years are an important time to be involved with my family, and that is much harder when one is away as often as legislative service requires.

I hope I will have other opportunities to be involved in politics again a few years down the road. In the meantime, I am committed to fully representing this district for the rest of my current term. I will do my best during those remaining months to apply good judgment and common sense to the matters before our state, which is what I believe I was elected to do.

I will always be grateful to the many friends and supporters who worked so hard to help me have the opportunity to serve in office for these four years. Thank you to each one of you.

Sincerely,