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*Congressman Cuellar announces a \$63,466 federal grant
awarded to the Seguin Fire Department.*



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DELIVERS GRANT MONEY TO HIS DISTRICT

Helping to promote education, health care and economic development in Texas are top priorities of mine. I'm proud to say each of the 12 counties in my District received at least one grant this year. The following lists how much money per category was awarded throughout the District making a difference for our communities:

■ Agriculture Research Grants	\$174,903.00
■ Economic Development Grants	\$3,293,995.00
■ Education (Head Start through College) Grants	\$49,398,288.00
■ Firefighter Service and Safety Grants	\$2,563,286.00
■ Health (Facility and Service) Grants	\$5,429,663.00
■ Housing Development Grants	\$24,699,938.00
■ Law Enforcement & Public Safety Grants	\$1,885,793.00
■ Water Infrastructure Improvements Grants	\$354,150.00
2007 Grant Total	\$87,800,150.00

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ADDITIONAL FUNDS ADDED TO APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

I worked hard to bring home additional federal dollars through the Appropriations process for our communities. Several million dollars passed in the House to fund needed Health Care programs, numerous Education initiatives, better Law Enforcement along the border, safer Roads and Bridges, quality Youth Recreational Centers, and more Energy Efficient initiatives throughout the 28th Congressional District.

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HENRY CUELLAR U.S. CONGRESSMAN

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WORKING HARD TO PRODUCE REAL RESULTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY



Dear Friend:

As your Congressman, I am committed to being accessible to each and every one of you. I am working hard to make sure that your opinions are represented in the halls of Congress. This newsletter provides you information about the work being done on your behalf during the 110th Congress.

I am working hard towards an efficient, effective and accountable government – one that provides good customer service in a friendly manner to the constituents of the 28th Congressional District.

My staff and I are dedicated to meeting your needs and to bringing federal resources to the District. As we continue to work on issues of importance to you, we want to hear your input and feedback.

Please feel free to contact any of my Congressional offices, including the newest office in Starr County. It is an honor and pleasure to serve you in Congress.

God Bless you and God Bless the United States of America!

Sincerely,

Henry Cuellar, Ph.D.
U.S. Congressman

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Congressman Henry Cuellar is a member of the House Homeland Security, Small Business, and Agriculture Committees in the 110th Congress; accessibility to constituents, education, health care, economic development and national security are his priorities. Congressman Cuellar is also a Senior Whip.

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*Making America Safer, Restoring the American Dream,
Restoring Accountability*



Congressman Henry Cuellar welcomes students from Laredo and Zapata who were in Washington to participate in the Experience in Democracy Leadership Program. The students made presentations to Congressman Cuellar, then asked questions pertaining to Government. Rep. Cuellar also treated the students to a tour of the Capitol Building.

In my continued effort to fight for the people of Texas' 28th District, I have been steadfast in working in a bi-partisan manner with my colleagues in Congress on legislation of importance to you:

- 9/11 Commission Recommendations to Protect America from Terrorism**
Signed into law, the recommendations will make air travel safer, improve screening cargo at our ports, protect America from weapons of mass destruction, and help fight terrorism.
- Minimum Wage Increase**
Signed into law, the first increase to the federal minimum wage in a decade will give an estimated 13 million hard-working Americans a long overdue pay raise – including the parents of 6 million children.
- Landmark Lobby and Ethics Reform**
Signed into law, the *Honest Leadership and Open Government Act* mandates breaking the link between lobbyists and legislators.
- Innovation Agenda Promoting 21st Century Jobs in a Global Economy**
Signed into law, the *America COMPETES Act* will increase the number of highly qualified teachers, close the technology gap in our workforce, boost our economy and create American jobs.



Congressman Cuellar speaks to Veterans about health care issues at the Health and Enrollment Fair held in McAllen.

- Making College More Affordable: College Cost Reduction Act**

 - Largest increase in college aid since the GI Bill in 1944
 - Boosting college aid by roughly \$20 billion dollars over the next five years
 - Strengthen the middle class by making college more affordable
 - Increase the purchase power of a Pell Grant
 - Encourage philanthropic participation in college retention and financing
 - Provide new investments in minority universities
 - Ensure a highly qualified teacher in every classroom for public schools in high-poverty communities or high-need subject areas

Honoring Our Heroes: Programs For Our Veterans FUNDING FOR VETERANS' PROGRAMS:

- **The Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act of 2008** – An increase of \$6.7 billion over FY 2007 and \$3.6 billion over the Administration's request for Veterans' programs
- **U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability** – \$1.8 billion for Veterans' programs
- **FY 2007 Joint Funding Resolution** – A \$3.6 billion increase for VA medical care

LEGISLATION SUPPORTED BY CONGRESSMAN CUELLAR:

- Improved the South Texas Veterans Health Care Service System for Veterans living in Jim Hogg, LaSalle, Webb and Zapata Counties through private partnerships with Laredo health care providers and medical centers. These Veterans will now receive more health care services closer to home, eliminating the need to travel to San Antonio.
- Cosponsored H.R. 538, the South Texas Veterans Access to Care Act of 2007, that establishes a Veterans' Hospital in South Texas
- Cosponsored Veterans Guaranteed Bonus Act, Retired Pay Restoration Act, the Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act, and the Veterans Employment and Respect Act of 2007.
- Supported of the Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2007, the Joshua Omvig Veterans Suicide Prevention Act, the Returning Servicemember VA Healthcare Insurance Act of 2007, the Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2007, the Traumatic Brain Injury Health Enhancement and Long-Term Support Act of 2007, the Veterans' Health Care improvement Act of 2007.

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Veterans Affairs
1-800-827-1000

Social Security Administration
1-800-772-1213

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
1-800-375-5283

IRS, Taxpayer Advocate Service
1-877-777-4778

Medicare
1-800-633-4227

U.S. Department of State (National Passport Information Center)
1-877-487-2778

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
1-800-621-3362

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
202-720-2791

U.S. Customs and Border Protection
202-354-1000

Consumer Protection
1-800-621-0508

Child Support Division
1-800-252-8014

Texas Information and Referral Service
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BILLS AND AMENDMENTS AUTHORED BY CONGRESSMAN CUELLAR



Congressman Henry Cuellar listens to the concerns of senior citizens on his La Joya Senior Center tour in Mission.

- H.R. 404** – Establishes customer service standards for Federal Agencies
- H.R. 890** – Adds provision to the Student Loan Sunshine Act of 2007 to create a one-stop shop for financial aid on the Department of Education website
- Amendment to H.R. 1429** – Amends the Head Start Reauthorization Act of 2007 to increase reporting on English Learning teaching, improving education for English language learners system-wide
- H.R. 1873** – Adds provision to the Small Business Fairness in Contracting Act to require federal agencies to have a plan for meeting small business goals and providing greater oversight and accountability of the agencies
- H.R. 1909** – Increases the number of Federal Judges in certain judicial districts with heavy caseloads of criminal immigration cases
- H.R. 2431** – Authorizes appropriations for border and transportation security personnel and technology
- 2008 Farm Bill** – Provisions to help farmers and ranchers throughout the 28th Congressional District Water Resources Development Act of 2007—Provisions to improve water resources affecting rural and urban areas of the 28th Congressional District