



STATE REPRESENTATIVE ERIC JOHNSON FILES FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE TEXAS  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN DISTRICT 100

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DALLAS, TX - State Representative Eric Johnson (D-Dallas) announced today that he has officially filed for re-election to the Texas House of Representatives in District 100. Johnson has represented District 100 since April 2010, after winning a hotly contested Democratic primary election over a longtime incumbent with 75% of the vote and a subsequent special election where he ran unopposed. Johnson was then re-elected in November 2010.

*"Last session's failure to adequately fund our public schools and to provide for the basic needs of our community has made a difficult situation even worse for the working families of Texas,"* said Representative Johnson. *"I want to return to Austin for the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature so I can work to make education, from Pre-K to PhD, a real priority in our state. Without a renewed focus on education, Texas will be unable to compete in the global marketplace in which we now find ourselves,"* concluded Johnson.

Although it was only his first session, Representative Johnson was appointed to two prominent standing committees of the Texas House: the powerful Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Higher Education. Johnson authored thirteen pieces of legislation, including a groundbreaking ethics reform bill aimed at public corruption. Two measures that Johnson authored, one dealing with election reform and the other dealing with criminal justice reform, were signed into law. Having distinguished himself during his first session, Johnson was named by Speaker Joe Straus to the House and Senate Joint Oversight Committee on Higher Education Governance, Excellence, and Transparency, the only freshman member to be appointed from either the Texas House or the Texas Senate.

Since the conclusion of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislature, Representative Johnson has received a number of awards, including the first ever *Courage in Public Service Award* from the Dallas Regional Chamber. The Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce has also named him one of their *Five Outstanding Young Texans for 2011*.

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