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## **REP. VAUGHT APPOINTED TO SELECT COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

AUSTIN--House Speaker Joe Straus has appointed State Representative Allen Vaught (Dallas) to the House Select Committee on Emergency Preparedness. The Select Committee is charged with reviewing Texas' response to natural and man-made disasters and studying the state's preparedness level.

"The committee will take a comprehensive look at Texas' current level of emergency preparedness and where we can improve to help ensure we keep Texans safe," said Speaker Straus. "Representative Vaught's experience and knowledge on these issues will be very helpful to the Select Committee."

"I am honored that Speaker Straus has selected me for this committee and will work diligently over the interim with my colleagues to ensure Texas is prepared for future incidents," said Rep. Vaught.

The committee will provide a final report no later than December 1, 2010 and will include an analysis of the level of preparedness among critical infrastructure entities, state and local emergency planning organizations, emergency warning systems, evacuation plans, first response efforts, and overall coordination of jurisdictions across the state.

Rep. Vaught first took office in 2007 and is in his second term representing House District 107. He is an attorney with Baron and Budd, P.C. Rep. Vaught also served as a U.S. Army Reserve Captain and fought in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and now serves as the Vice-Chairman of the Defense and Veterans Affairs Committee.

District 107 covers the area in east Dallas surrounding White Rock Lake--including Lakewood and part of Lake Highlands. The eastern portion of the district covers parts of Garland and Mesquite. He lives with his wife, Donna, their son Jonathan, and daughter Morgan in Lakewood.

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