

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – HOUSTON AREA DELEGATION

Alma Allen (D) **Houston** **B+**
Rep. Allen's votes during this session illustrated her continued commitment to children's issues. Although Allen did not take on a strong leadership role in promoting specific child-oriented legislation this session, her history of dedication to promoting children's issues leaves us confident that she will continue to be a leading figure in the fight to improve children's quality of life.

Kevin Bailey (D) **Houston** **B+**
Rep. Bailey's votes reflected an underlying commitment to promoting children's issues. We hope that, with the aid of his talented staff, Bailey will step out as a leading advocate for children in the coming years.

Dwayne Bohac (R) **Houston** **B**
Rep. Bohac voted favorably on all the bills tracked by CHILDREN AT RISK. However, we are disappointed that he has not yet used his expertise or experience to lead the effort to make children's issues a priority of the state legislature.

Bill Callegari (R) **Houston** **I**
CHILDREN AT RISK does not believe that anyone would intentionally ignore the needs of our children. Although Rep. Callegari did not vote favorably on all the bills we prioritized, we are confident that by working closely with him in the future, we can encourage him to extend his interest in education reform to all issues that impact the well-being of children.

Ellen Cohen (D) **Houston** **B+**
Rep. Cohen voted favorably on almost all the bills tracked by CHILDREN AT RISK. We hope that as her political career progresses she will take on an even greater role in the fight to improve children's quality of life.

Garnet F. Coleman (D) **Houston** **A**
Rep. Coleman continues to prove himself an uncompromising advocate for children. During this session, Coleman's leadership was pivotal in the passage of the CHIP reform bill.

Joe Crabb (R) **Kingwood** **I**
CHILDREN AT RISK does not believe that anyone would intentionally ignore the needs of our children. Although Rep. Crabb did not vote favorably on all the bills we prioritized, most notably the CHIP reform bill, we are confident that by working more closely with him in the future we can encourage Crabb to become a stronger advocate for children.

John Davis (R) **Houston** **A**
Rep. Davis has been a true champion of children's issues throughout his career. Demonstrating Republican leadership when he voted yay on the CHIP reform bill, Davis was instrumental in creating the bipartisan momentum that led to the bill's success.

Harold V. Dutton, Jr. (D) **Houston** **B+**
Rep. Dutton voted favorably on the majority of the bills prioritized by CHILDREN AT RISK. However, we were disappointed that he has not actively promoted the passage of child-focused legislation in the committees he sits on - Public Education, Human Services, and Juvenile Justice & Family Issues. Furthermore, we are still disappointed that he supported implementing capital punishment for minors during the last session.

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Rob Eissler (R) **The Woodlands** **B**
As chair of the Public Education Committee, Rep. Eissler had a large role in deciding which education reform bills reached the floor of the House for debate. Although many positive bills did pass out of the committee, a number of important bills – such as those addressing the school-prison pipeline and the manner in which we calculate graduation rates – died in his committee. We are disappointed that Eissler was not able to use his position to ensure that such important bills reached the floor.

Gary Elkins (R) **Houston** **I**
CHILDREN AT RISK does not believe that anyone would intentionally ignore the needs of our children. Although Rep. Elkins did not vote favorably on all the bills we prioritized, most notably the CHIP reform bill, we are confident that by working with him in the future we can encourage Elkins to become a strong advocate for children.

Jessica Farrar (D) **Houston** **B**
Rep. Farrar voted favorably on all the bills tracked by CHILDREN AT RISK. However, we are disappointed that she has not yet used her expertise or experience to lead the effort to make children's issues a priority of the state legislature.

Patricia Harless (R) **Spring** **I**
CHILDREN AT RISK does not believe that anyone would intentionally ignore the needs of our children. Although Rep. Harless did not vote favorably on all the bills we prioritized, most notably the CHIP reform bill, we are confident that by working with her in the future we can encourage Harless to become a strong advocate for children.

Ana E. Hernandez (D) **Houston** **B+**
We were pleased to see Hernandez take a leadership role on environmental issues during her first legislative session. We hope that she will not only continue to fight for the environment, but that she will take on an even greater role in promoting a variety of issues that affect children in the future.

Scott Hochberg (D) **Houston** **A**
Rep. Hochberg's role as a leader on education reform clearly establishes him as a champion of children's issues. We are excited to see how Hochberg will continue his fight to improve the quality of children's lives in the years to come.

Charlie Howard (R) **Sugarland** **I**
CHILDREN AT RISK does not believe that anyone would intentionally ignore the needs of our children. Although Rep. Howard did not vote favorably on all the bills we prioritized, most notably the CHIP reform bill, we are confident that we can encourage Howard to become a stronger advocate for children in the future.

Borris Miles (D) **Houston** **A-**
We are grateful to Rep. Miles for his promotion of TYC reform. In the future, we hope that he will continue to speak out as a strong advocate for children.

Jim Murphy (R) **Houston** **B**
Rep. Murphy has a good record of promoting child-oriented legislation. In the future, we hope that he will be able to adopt a more active role in calling on the legislature to prioritize children's issues.

Richard Noriega (D) **Houston** **A**
Rep. Noriega has consistently proved himself a leading advocate for children. His commitment to child welfare was best seen this session in his authorship of a bill calling for greater accuracy in calculating our high school graduation rates.

