

In the Know: Congressman Ron Paul

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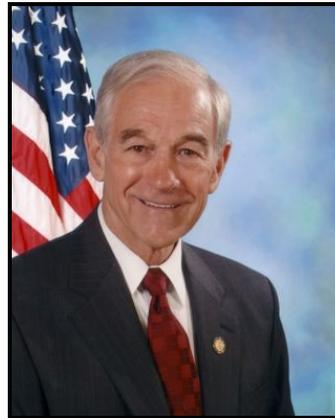
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Dear Constituents,

I am honored and privileged to serve as your Congressman. It is my goal to help each and every person who contacts me. I have three offices and an experienced staff who are eager to help in any way.

We can help if you are having problems with a federal entity, if you would like a tour in Washington D.C. or if you would like to apply for a service academy and live in District 14. My offices offer these services and more.

I hope you will take an opportunity to read *In the Know* to learn more about what my staff and I have been doing over the past few months.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve you! If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Ron Paul

Angleton student wins Congressional Art Competition

What do you plan to study at Texas A & M? Visualization in the school of architecture.

What schools were you looking into attending (besides A&M)? Texas Tech and Oral Roberts University

How long have you been an artist? I've been into art for as long as I can remember. I never really applied myself until 8th grade though.

What is your favorite type of art to create? I love pencil drawing, but I have recently been getting into paints.

Who/what influences your art work? I love Norman Rockwell's works, but I try and take a little inspiration from all kinds of art.

What was your first thought when you discovered that you had won the Congressional Art Competition? WHAAAAAAAA!?!?!?



Christian Diaz, winner of the 2011 Congressional Art Competition, poses with his art work which is now on display in Washington D.C. He was chosen from high school students across the 10 counties in District 14. He will attend Texas A&M in the fall.

Were you excited to go to Washington D.C.? I was really excited about D.C. because I got to fly in a plane & it's the furthest I've ever traveled.

What was your favorite part about visiting Washington D.C.? I loved all the giant and intricate architecture and the sub-

ways

Is there anything you would like to mention about the contest, competition, etc.? I really want to thank all the people that make this competition work because it was really an awesome experience that I will remember forever.

Schedule requests:

Call Congressman Paul's District Scheduler, Tracee Tollett at (979) 285-0231 or send her an email at tracee.tollett@mail.house.gov

Constituent services:

- Assistance in dealing with a federal entity for cases involving Social Security, Medicare, veteran's benefits, etc.
- A letter of support for grants being sought by a non-profit agency or municipality
- U.S. flags flown over the Capitol in honor of an occasion or for a deserving person
- Schedule tours of the Capitol, Library of Congress or other Washington D.C. exhibits
- Nomination to a military service academy

Mailing List

If you would like to sign up for *Texas Straight Talk*, the congressman's weekly column, log onto:

www.house.gov/paul

To add or remove your name from the *In the Know* newsletter email list, please submit your request to the newsletter publisher @ Twila.Lindblade@mail.house.gov

Art Janecka honored for 45 years of service



US Army Corps of Engineers veteran Art Janecka was honored for his 45 years of service in a special reception held in June. Pictured, Congressman Paul's chief of staff, Jeff Deist presents a framed statement in the Congressional Record for Art.

1,500 attend annual Oceans of Opportunities Job Fair

Congressman Ron Paul hosted the Sixth Annual Oceans of Opportunities Job Fair earlier this year. A total of 1,500 job seekers and 59 employers attended the event.

The job fair was an idea that the Congressman pursued shortly after Hurricane Rita and is highly anticipated each year. It is a joint venture of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, the Galveston Economic Development Partnership, the University of Texas Medical Branch, Workforce Solutions and the City of Galveston.

Each year, the feedback remains positive from both job seekers and employers. "We have had great success over the years in finding numerous qualified candidates at this event. I highly recommend all employers to participate in this annual opportunity to interact in the Galveston community," said Jose Sanchez, Assistant HR Director with the City of Galveston.

Congressman Paul was equally happy with the success of the sixth annual job fair.

"The health of the local economy is one of my main concerns as a Congressman and co-hosting this job fair every year is something I always look forward to."



Ron Paul's Texas Straight Talk

Politicians did not get much time to pat themselves on the back for supposedly rescuing the economy with the debt limit deal recently. The ink was barely dry when Standard & Poor's downgraded the US debt ratings anyway, roiling world financial markets. Anyone who has taken an honest look at the government's fiscal situation, taken into account how Washington works and the direction it is going would have a very difficult time arguing with S&P's decision, although a strong case can be made that this was too incremental a downgrade and that it took far too long for S&P to admit the obvious.

Nonetheless, the administration nitpicked over a \$2 trillion "mistake". S&P rejoined with the fact that \$2 trillion here or there hardly makes a difference in the time frame under discussion. That, if nothing else,

should tell you the magnitude of the problem. \$2 trillion has become a drop in the bucket.

S&P cited Congress's inability to act like grownups and make necessary, meaningful cuts, which is true. I must take issue however, with their suggestion that tax increases are part of the answer. Taking capital out of the private sector, where it can create real value in the form of new jobs and products, and instead giving it to Washington to waste and squander is not the solution. Tax increases may seem penny-wise to some, but in reality they would be very pound-foolish. The government currently takes in \$2.2 trillion in taxes per year, which is far too much already. It spends \$3.7 trillion, which is ridiculous and criminal. The problem is runaway government spending, not the American people having too much

money.

And yet we can't even have a serious discussion about bringing our troops home and ending our expensive occupations around the world – things the president used to claim to favor!

Even without this downgrade, major investors are waking up to what lies down the road for the United States in fiscal terms. China is showing more signs of losing its taste for our debt.

Click here to read the full article:

http://paul.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1904:state-states-the-obvious&catid=62:texas-straight-talk&Itemid=69

Art competition winner travels to Washington D.C. to be honored



Christian Diaz, a recent graduate of Angleton High School, traveled to Washington D.C. with his mother Lorena in June. The pair attended special events & ceremonies with other winners of the Congressional Art Competition from across the U.S. In addition, Southwest Airlines sponsored airfare for the students and their parents. Learn more about the competition & how to enter next year @ www.house.gov/paul.

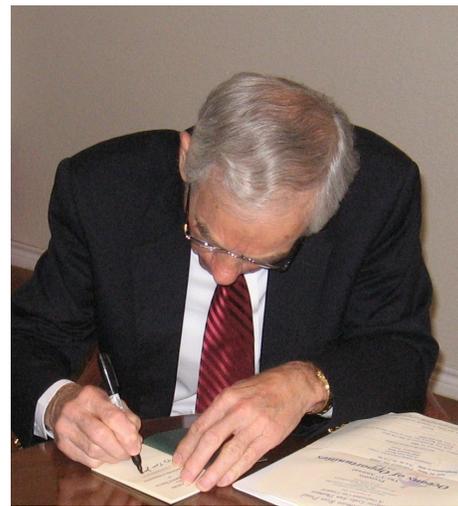
Paul introduces legislation to help taxpayers

Congressman Paul has introduced and/or co-sponsored numerous pieces of legislation this session to help individuals in various capacities. Some of those pieces include the following:

- Entrepreneurship Tax Cut Act, HR 2614, which allows for penalty-free withdrawals from IRAs and 401(K)s to start or invest in a new business.
- Agricultural Education Freedom Act, HR 1271, which repeals all federal taxes imposed on agricultural products and livestock sold by a student as part of an agricultural educational program like Future Farmers of America or 4-H Clubs.
- He is co-sponsoring HR 2100, the Catastrophic Savings Act, which allows people to save tax-free in accounts they can use for disaster recovery.
- And, he is a co-sponsor of HR 2099, the National Disaster Mitigation Act, which provides a tax credit for disaster mitigation expenses.
- Family Education Freedom Act, HR 954, which provides a tax credit of up to \$5,000 for education expenses to provide a K-12 education in public, private, or home school.
- Education Improvement Tax Cut, HR 956, which provides a tax credit of up to \$5,000 for cash and in-kind donations to a public, private, or home school.
- Teacher Tax Cut Act, HR 957, which provides a \$3,000 tax credit for elementary and secondary school teachers.
- Professional Educators Tax Relief Act, HR 955, which expands the \$3,000 tax credit to librarians, counselors and all professionals working in K-12 education.
- Social Security Preservation Act, HR 219, which mandates that Social

Security surplus, be invested in interest-generating obligations of the United States or certificates of deposit.

- HR 149, The Social Security Benefits Tax Reduction Act, which repeals the 1993 increase in the tax on Social Security benefits
- HR 150, the Social Security Tax Elimination Act, which repeals the entire benefits tax. Since Social Security benefits come from the taxes paid by seniors while they were working, the benefits tax represents a form of double taxation.
- Paul is an original co-sponsor of HR 1332, the Social Security Fairness Act. This act repeals the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset, which punishes public school teachers by reducing their Social Security benefits.
- Prescription Drug Availability Act, HR 147, which provides seniors with a tax credit for the costs of prescription drugs. It also repeals government regulations that prevent seniors, and other Americans, from buying safe and effective prescription drugs overseas.
- HR 2080, the Evacuees Tax Relief Act, which provides a tax credit or a tax deduction, depending on the wishes of the taxpayer, of up to \$5,000 for costs incurred because of a government-ordered mandatory or voluntary evacuation. Evacuees could use the credit to cover travel and lodging expenses associated with the evacuation, lost wages, property damages not otherwise compensated, and any other evacuation-related expenses.
- Unemployment Assistance Act, HR 2262, which allows the unemployed to make penalty-free withdrawals from accounts such as Roth



If you have an idea for a piece of legislation that you would like him to sponsor, introduce or support, contact one of his legislative aides in Washington D. C. at (202) 225-2831.

IRAs or 401(K)s, to cover routine living expenses, health care expenses, or to help pay for education and job training. Those who make these penalty-free withdrawals while unemployed will be able to replenish their accounts once they have started a new job.

- HR 2263, the Unemployed Tax Relief Act, which makes a laid-off worker's last paycheck tax free.
- HR1139, the Tax Free Tips Act, which, makes tips tax-free for servers and others in service-industry related jobs. As Congressman Paul said upon introducing the bill: "Tips often compose a substantial portion of the earnings of waiters, waitresses, and other service-sector employees. However, unlike regular wages, a service-sector employee usually has no guarantee of, or legal right to, a tip. Instead, the amount of a tip usually depends on how well an employee satisfies a client. Since the amount of taxes one pays increases along with the size of tip, taxing tips punishes workers for doing a superior job!"

Congressman Paul listens to & addresses constituent needs



In the Pictures:

Pictured top left: Dion McGinnis, Saralene Tapley and Arden Stone were each presented US flags flown over the capitol as a token of appreciation for serving as the 2011 Congressional Art Competition judges for District 14.

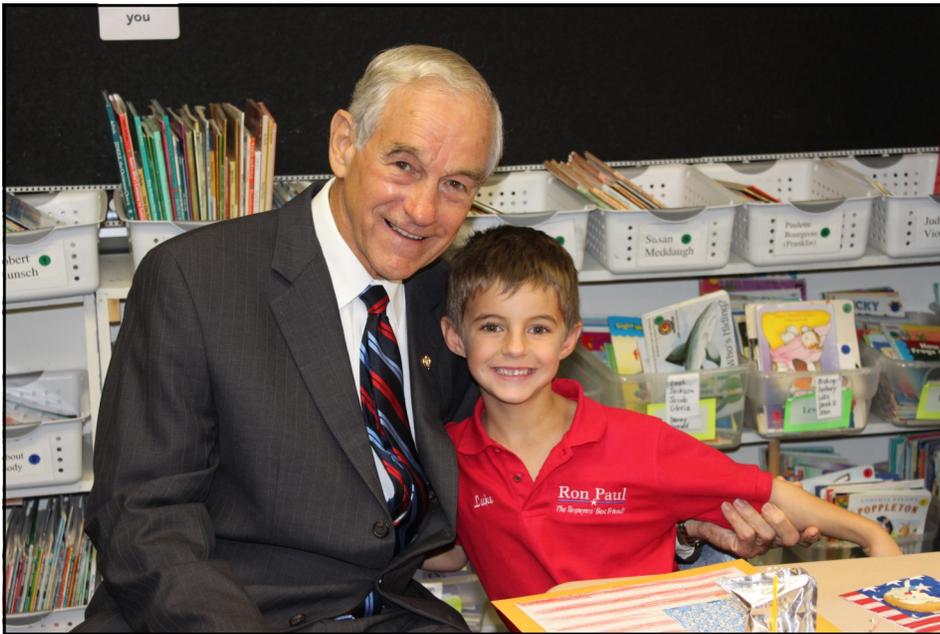
Pictured top right: Steve Fitzgerald, a constituent from Winnie, spoke with Congressman Paul about farming issues recently.

Pictured bottom right: Congressman Paul talks with Doug Matthews with UTMB regarding local issues. Congressman Paul and his staff remain engaged in local & federal issues affecting the district.

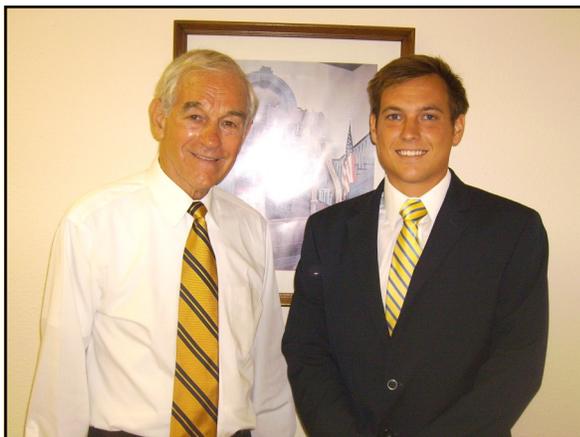


Pictured left: Nancy Picou and her husband Darryel show Congressman Paul a photo of their son, Antoine Picou, who is a student at the U.S. Merchant Military Academy in Kingspoint, NY. Paul nominated Antoine's attendance. Each student who wishes to participate in a U.S. military academy, must receive a nomination from his or her congressional or senate representative. For more information on the nomination process, contact Jackie Gloor in Congressman Paul's Victoria office at (361) 576-1231.

Congressman Paul is *In the Know*



Ron Paul wears many hats. On Veteran's Day, he spent the day with fellow veterans at Friendswood ISD's Westwood Elementary speaking with parents, students and constituents about the meaning of Veteran's Day. Pictured left, Congressman Paul stops to pose for a photo with his grandson Luke LeBlanc, a student at the school. Paul also visited with the students in Luke's class. Paul served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War era.



In the Photos:

Pictured above left: Meredith Benson with YourTownTV interviewed Congressman Paul recently regarding local & national issues. If you are a member of the media and would like to interview Congressman Paul, contact Rachel Mills at (202) 225-2831 or Rachel.Mills@mail.house.gov.

Pictured above: Congressman Paul poses for a photo with Evan Hundl of the Brazoswood High School baseball team. Paul presented the team with a Congressional Record insert for being Texas 5A State champions!

Pictured left: Brett Lindell, a Texas A& M Galveston student, posed for a photo with Congressman Paul. Lindell served as an intern in the Lake Jackson office this summer.

Students can learn how the government operates via internships

Students who have an interest in politics are encouraged to apply for an internship with Congressman Paul's office. Interns will have an opportunity to spend time sitting in the galleries of Congress, work alongside Capitol Hill staff members and attend various committee hearings.

Interns will also be given a chance to work with constituents, help with district projects, attend functions and learn how the district offices operate.

For more details, please contact Holly Johnson in the Congressman's Washington office at (202) 225-2831. Or, contact the Lake Jackson office @ (979) 285-0231 or the Victoria office @ (361) 576-1231 if you are interested in a district internship.

How did you learn about the internship opportunity?

I learned about the internship opportunity through researching the paul.house.gov webpage.

How did you apply? (online, in person, etc.)

Online. I contacted the intern coordinator Holly Johnson and she was wonderful. She sent me the application immediately and was very happy to answer any of my questions.

How long was your internship?

Approximately 8 weeks.

What were your major responsibilities?

On a daily basis I would traffic phone calls, e-mail, and hand mail to the office staffers, attend subcommittee meetings and press conferences with the Representative, help out with miscellaneous office needs, attend briefings and report back to the staff on

what I learned, and give tours of the US Capitol building.

Why did you want to work with Rep. Paul?

He inspires me. He votes for what he believes in and no one can argue that because he's been doing it for three decades now. He looks at the Constitution to decide which way to vote on a bill just like he swore to when he took his oath. He is a role model for all of the other elected officials in DC. I would not work for anyone else.

What degree are you pursuing & what university do you attend?

I am pursuing a degree in Education from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

How do you think the knowledge that you learned during your internship will help you in the future?

You learn more life skills interning for Rep. Paul than you do all through grade school. If I had to choose one lesson that will help me in the future it would be my people skills. While interning you learn to use every bit of your inner communication skills. It's nonstop interaction, so be ready for it.

What advice would you give to another student who is thinking about an internship on Capitol Hill? And, with Rep. Paul's office?

Be very open to try new things when you come to DC. There will be plenty of events that you have the option to attend. Try to go to as many as these as possible. Check local listings for housing because housing in DC is outrageous. Representative Paul's office



Cliff Maloney, Jr. of Pennsylvania was an intern in Congressman Paul's Washington D.C. this summer. Students can contact one of Ron Paul's offices for more information on available opportunities.

is very unique because we only have one intern at a time, so be prepared to get the full experience.

Anything else you would like to add?

I would like to thank Dr. Paul, Jeff, Holly, Norm, Rachel, Jennifer, Daniel, Adam, Paul-Martin, and my right hand man Stephen for making my time in DC the best experience of my life.

For more internship info:

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Which Counties does Ron Paul represent?

The 14th congressional district of Texas stretches from the Gulf Coast in Galveston and Chambers counties almost to Corpus Christi; north through Victoria; and east through Jackson and Wharton counties toward Houston. It includes parts of Fort Bend county, then slopes south through Brazoria County. Congressman Ron Paul has offices to meet the needs of constituents. See locations and phone numbers listed below:



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How can I get help from my Congressman?

If you live in Congressional District 14 and would like assistance dealing with a federal entity, Congressman Paul encourages you to contact one of his district offices (addresses listed above). He has casework specialists who are trained to meet the needs of constituents.

Congressman Paul and his staff have helped thousands of constituents get help for cases involving:

- FEMA
- Social Security
- Immigration
- Passports
- Medicare
- Veterans Administration
- Internal Revenue Service
- Any other federal agency

Once you have contacted one of the above offices, you will need to fill out a Privacy Act form, which authorizes Ron Paul's staff to contact the federal agency on your behalf. By law and professional courtesy, our office is unable to assist with issues dealing at the state

or local level. In addition, we cannot assist constituents who live outside of District 14 (see map above).

If you are not certain what congressional district you live in, please contact our office and we will be happy to provide that information for you.

Congressman Paul also has dedicated and informed legislative staff members in his Washington D.C. office who research each piece of legislation that is introduced. If a piece of legislation is not supported by the U.S. Constitution, then Congressman Paul will not vote for it. For more information on legislation, log onto www.house.gov/paul.

How to reach Ron Paul's Staff:
Chief of Staff: Jeff Deist; Washington D.C.

Legislative Specialists: Norman Singleton, Daniel McAdams, Paul-Martin Foss & Adam Dick; Washington D.C.

Capitol Tours & Flag Requests: Stephen Johnson; Washington D.C.

Schedule Requests outside of Texas: Holly Johnson; Washington D.C.

Schedule Requests in District 14: Tracee Tollett; Lake Jackson

Media Communications/Texas Straight Talk: Rachel Mills; Washington D.C.

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District Deputy Casework Director: Dianna Kile; Lake Jackson

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