



## MIKE O'DAY

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**Pearland** – Today Representative Mike O'Day (R-Pearland) announced he will not seek reelection to the Texas House of Representatives.

O'Day was elected to the legislature on January 16, 2007, in a Special Election to replace the late Representative Glenda Dawson. He is currently serving on the Natural Resources, Redistricting, and Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committees.

"Seeking elected office is something I never intended to do; however, the vacuum left by the untimely passing of my good friend Glenda Dawson was a call to service I could not ignore. Having answered that call, I now want to provide the citizens of House District 29 the opportunity to select a new state representative in a full length campaign on a uniform election date," O'Day said. "Although I am not seeking reelection, I pledge to continue to work zealously on behalf of my constituents to ensure they have a strong voice in Austin until the swearing-in of their next state representative," added O'Day.

During his tenure, O'Day supported pro-economic and job development legislation. He cosponsored legislation that will generate \$10 billion in investments, over 6,000 construction jobs, and over 1,500 permanent jobs in Matagorda and Brazoria counties. O'Day was proud to coauthor the Castle Doctrine, which allows victims of a home invasion to protect themselves. The Texas Eagle Forum honored O'Day as one of the most conservative members of the Texas Legislature on their 2007 Legislative Scorecard.

"I campaigned for this position under extenuating circumstances when Glenda passed away, and it has been an honor to represent the fine citizens of District 29. My staff and I will continue to work hard for the next sixteen months to serve the people of Brazoria and Matagorda counties. As I stated many times during my campaign, I am a businessman, not a politician. While I feel we accomplished many great things last session, it is time for me to concentrate on my health and return to my family and our businesses" O'Day stated.

O'Day's early announcement means candidates will be afforded ample time to introduce themselves to the voters of House District 29 before the primary elections in March of 2008.

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