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LETTER FROM THE CONGRESSMAN

Dear Friends,

With less than a week left until Christmas, I have been spending time with my family and friends as well as constituents across the district.

This past week I was pleased to announce that the Flat Volunteer Fire Department near Gatesville was awarded a grant for \$204,250 from the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. I commend the men and women firefighters who volunteer their time and talent to protect their community, and this funding will allow the department to acquire additional firefighting vehicles.

I was also honored to participate in the ground breaking ceremony for the construction of the North Fort Hood Fire Station. I secured funding for this important fire station in the Appropriations bill as a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life. This new fire station is just one of many important projects that will help protect and support our troops at Fort Hood.

These are just two of the events that have symbolized good news for Central Texas in 2006. As this year comes to a close, let us reflect on the blessings of the past year and look forward to the possibilities that lie ahead.

Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, the Carter Courier will not be distributed in its regular format until January.

May 2007 bring each of you happiness and good health.

Until next year,