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The Police Protection Act – HB 2908 signed by the Governor

CORPUS CHRISTI – Rep. Todd Hunter (R-Corpus Christi) passed The Police Protection Act – HB 2908 which strengthens penalties for crimes committed against law enforcement officers. This legislation makes it a hate crime for anyone to commit a crime against a law enforcement officer out of bias against the police.

The Police Protection Act includes extending hate crime protections to law enforcement officers, increasing criminal penalties for any crime in which the victim is a law enforcement officer, whether or not the crime qualifies as a hate crime.

“We must commit ourselves to continue finding solutions and enhance public safety,” Rep. Hunter said. “This legislation helps support officers who do their jobs each and every day by protecting us and protecting our communities.”

“This law demonstrates that Texas is committed to the safety of its public servants and serves as a reminder there will be severe consequences for those who would harm a Texas Peace Officer based on a bias against law enforcement,” said Mike Markle, Corpus Christi Chief of Police. “We thank Representative Todd Hunter for authoring this legislation and the Texas Legislature for supporting Texas Law Enforcement.”

About Rep. Todd Hunter

Todd A. Hunter was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma on August 26, 1953. He attended the University of Kansas and Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. Hunter has practiced law since November 1978 and is currently a partner of Hunter, Barker & Fancher, in Corpus Christi, Texas. Todd and his wife, Alexis Taylor Hunter, have three children: Todd Jr., Michael and Christina.

In 2016, Representative Hunter was elected to his 9th term. His key issues are Windstorm, Cruise Ship Development, Water, Workforce Development, Anti-Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence. Hunter has lived in the Coastal Bend since 1978 and has served as a State Representative for Nueces, San Patricio, Aransas, Calhoun, Jackson and Refugio counties.

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