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## **Hunter Helps Secure Funding for Coastal Bend Education, Wildlife Conservation**

**(CORPUS CHRISTI)** – Rep. Todd Hunter of Corpus Christi worked with colleagues to secure needed funding for higher education and cultural institutions along the Coastal Bend during the recently completed special legislative session.

Gov. Greg Abbott included on the special session agenda Tuition Revenue Bonds (TRBs), which provide financing for institutions of higher education to build and update facilities. Rep. Hunter and other legislators secured funding for key Coastal Bend institutions, adding to the investments that legislators made in the regular legislative session earlier this year.

“The Legislature is making robust investments in the Coastal Bend,” Rep. Hunter said. “I’m proud of the fact that we worked across the aisle to ensure key funding for universities in our region, as well as the Texas State Aquarium Wildlife Rescue Center. These institutions are critical to our Coastal Bend economy today and will play a vital role in our future.”

The Texas Legislature met for 140 days in its regular session earlier this year and then met for three special sessions during the summer and early fall. In the most recently completed special session, Rep. Hunter and colleagues secured the following funding for Coastal Bend institutions:

- Up to \$44.9 million for the construction of an arts and media building at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. This funding is in addition to \$17.5 million appropriated to A&M-Corpus Christi earlier this year.
- \$3 million in federal funds for housing replacement at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute. This funding is in addition to \$8.9 million secured for UTMSI in the regular session earlier this year.
- \$3 million for the Texas State Aquarium Wildlife Rescue Center to use for wildlife conservation, as well as a \$500,000 grant to the rescue center that the Legislature approved earlier this year.

“These investments will support economic growth in our region while creating learning opportunities for students and researchers,” Rep. Hunter said. “I’m grateful for our community partners who worked with us to ensure funding for these Coastal Bend treasures. These are targeted investments that will strengthen our region for years to come.”

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### **About Rep. Todd Hunter**

Todd Hunter is the state representative for Texas House District 32 in Nueces County. He is the Chairman of the House Redistricting Committee. He is also a member of the State Affairs Committee, which deals with significant matters of state policy, ranging from the administration of the state government to cybersecurity, and he sits on the International Relations & Economic Development Committee.

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