

# Thank you, Texas 11 for allowing me to serve

By U.S. Congressman K. Michael Conaway, Representative for the 11th District of Texas

The 11th District is special. We produce over 40% of our nation's energy, train over 13,000 intelligence professionals from each branch of our military, and raise and grow the agriculture products that feed and clothe this nation.

But more than that, it is home to the absolute best people in the world.

The people of the 11th District are kind, hardworking, honest Texans who have welcomed me with open arms and trusted me to do right by them as their Member of Congress for the past 16 years.

Trust is held in high regard in West Texas, and I have been honored to have that trust. No Member of Congress gets to do what I have been able to do by themselves. It simply doesn't happen. I owe a special thank you to my wife, Suzanne Conaway, without whom none of this would be possible. But there are hundreds and hundreds of people across District 11 that have also played a direct role in the successes I have had in Congress.

Thank you to every person in this district who has come to a town hall, stopped me in a Rosa's restaurant dining room, called my office, or relied on me to advocate for their best interests in Congress.

Our Nation is up against some incredible challenges. We face a looming, pending debt crisis that will soon swamp this country, a virus that threatens to wreck our way of life, and a great power competition with China and Russia.

But I personally don't believe those are the most immediate threats that confront our Nation.

The United States faces a moral decline and the inability to self-govern. John Adams wrote that only a moral and religious people can, in fact, self-govern. This form of governance is unsuitable for anyone else.

There are things going on in this country that God simply cannot bless. We use the words "God bless you" and "God bless this country" often. We sing it in songs. We use it particularly casually. But each time you hear those three words, "God bless America," think about what we are asking God to bless—whether what is going on in this nation is, in fact, bless-able.

Since 1973, we have killed over 62 million babies in the United States alone. God can't bless a nation that continues along that path. At some point in time, He is going to say enough is enough, and He will put the United States through the same crucible that he put the nation of Israel through in

the Old Testament when they were going along a similarly destructive path. I fear that is coming upon us. There is a solution, though.

The solution lies in the promise that God has made us in 2 Chronicles 7:14, which says, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves, turn from their wicked ways, seek my face, and pray, I will hear them from Heaven, I will forgive their sins, and I will heal their land."

I argue that short of the Civil War, our Nation has never needed healing more than we do today. We must as individuals, as communities, and as a Nation, claim this promise.

My time in Congress has been the absolute highlight of my professional career. I will miss the colleagues who have turned into friends, and my staff who has become family. I will miss driving the backroads of all 29 counties in this great district, but most of all, I will miss you—the people of the 11th District of Texas, who have shown me grace and trust these sixteen years.

God bless each one of you, God bless Texas, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

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## Robert Lee City Council meets in regular session

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 23, 2020, at 6:30 pm at City Hall. Those present included Mayor Jason Moran and Council Members Becca McGuire (via Zoom), Tracy Grantham, Daniel Jasso, and Jonathan Torres.

A quorum was determined and the meeting declared open at 6:32 pm.

Prayer was provided by Daniel Jasso and the pledge was recited by those in attendance.

A motion was made by Jonathan Torres to approve the minutes from November 9, 2020. He was seconded by

Daniel Jasso and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Discussion was held regarding selecting the Auditor for FY2019-2020. Tracy Grantham will be signing a conflict disclosure due to having a direct

family member employed by one of the proposed auditors. A motion was made by Jonathan Torres to accept the audit proposal bid from Merritt, McLane and Hamby for the

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*Meal to include ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, green bean casserole, and a roll.*

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*Merry Christmas from our kitchen to you!*

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Wishing Coke County a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!  
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