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### **John Raney Wins District 14 Runoff**

*Raney is newest Member of the Texas House of Representatives, winning with 58 percent of the vote*

**Austin, TX** – The Texas Retailers Association (TRA) congratulates John Raney on his victory to the Texas House of Representatives. Raney won the HD 14 runoff in Brazos County which covers most of Bryan/College Station with 3,901 votes (58%). Raney will fill the unexpired term of former District 14 Rep. Fred Brown, who resigned over the summer to take a position outside the district.

Raney, the owner of Texas Aggieland Bookstore in College Station, has been a member of the Texas Retailers Association for over a decade. He has served on the TRA Board of Directors and has been very active on the TRA's Tax and Legislative Committee. John understands and has met the challenges of creating jobs and making payrolls in difficult economic times. He is a dedicated family man and is active in his church and community and civic activities.

"I think the election results are fantastic, but even better than the results are my good friends in Brazos County that have supported me and believe I will represent them well," said **Raney**.

"Raney will file for re election by December 19, 2011, to represent the area in the 2013 Legislative Session. We are hopeful that his large margin in the runoff will deter others from entering the race. TRA is proud to see our longtime friend and ally be chosen by voters to represent the constituents of HD 14," said **Stephanie Gibson, Vice President of Governmental Affairs for the Texas Retailers Association**. "A lot of hard work and dedication went into this runoff, and we are happy to see that John's strong leadership ability and solid business experience resonated with voters. We are confident that he will win re election and serve in the next Legislative Session as an advocate for Texas businesses."

*The Texas Retailers Association is a statewide trade association representing members in virtually every sector of the retail industry in Texas. Texas retailers employ 1.9 million Texans, comprising 18% of the Texas workforce, delivering nearly \$360 million in sales annually.*

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