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Senator Donna Campbell Files Founding Principles Act

AUSTIN-- Just two days before George Washington's 283rd birthday, State Senator Donna Campbell filed legislation to bring more attention to our nation's Founding Fathers. On Friday, Senator Donna Campbell introduced SB 675 to require Texas high school students to take a semester course that focuses on the underlying principles of the U.S. Constitution, Declaration of Independence, the Federalist Papers, and the writings of the Founding Fathers.

"America is the greatest nation on earth because of the extraordinary principles our nation was founded on. Keeping America free and strong requires a commitment to teaching these principles," Senator Campbell said. "The Founding Principles Act will ensure that future generations of Texans have a full knowledge and understanding of the ideals that have allowed and will continue to allow liberty to flourish."

The Founding Principles Act also permits and encourages the posting of copies of the founding documents of the United States - including the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution - in school district classrooms and buildings.

"These documents should be recognized and celebrated by all students," Senator Campbell stated. "Sadly, a lot of young people have misguided notions about our nation's founding history. We have seen a push recently by academia to denigrate the early history of our nation despite the key role it has played in our prosperity and progress. Encouraging the posting of Founding Documents and teaching their significance will help reverse this ugly trend and safeguard the values we hold dear as a nation."

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Senator Donna Campbell is a practicing emergency room physician who represents Senate District 25 and sits on the Education, Health and Human Services, and Intergovernmental Relations Committees. She is also the Chairwoman of Veterans Affairs and Military Installations.