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## César J. Blanco Sworn-In As Texas Senator for District 29

**Austin, Texas** - Today, the opening day of the 87th Texas Legislature, Navy veteran and now-former State Representative César J. Blanco (El Paso) took his Oath of Office for the Texas Senate. It is his first term representing District 29 in the Texas Senate after serving three terms in the Texas House of Representatives. District 29 is made up of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, and Presidio counties, includes both rural and urban communities, as well as more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border.

"I'm honored to serve and advocate for the people of District 29 in the Texas Senate. I want to thank the people of District 29 for their support and the trust they put in me to be a fighter for our community," Senator Blanco said. "I'm ready to get to work for El Paso and West Texas." he added

This session Senator Blanco is focusing on COVID-19 relief and recovery to help working families and businesses bounce back stronger than before. Senator Blanco's other priorities are expanding access to healthcare, improving public education, and passing common sense legislation to combat gun violence and hate-crimes, including domestic terrorism.

"As the COVID-19 vaccine is rolled out, the disease continues to sicken and kill Texans. Thousands of other Texans are out of work and facing food insecurity. Businesses are struggling to stay open. And all the health and economic disparities in our community have only been worsened by COVID-19. We need to support our workers, small business owners, and help the economy bounce back stronger than before," said Senator Blanco.

"Yesterday we learned the budget outlook for the state is not as bad as previously anticipated. The budget is a moral document and we need to protect programs and services Texans are relying on during this difficult time. I'll also be fighting for our fair share of resources to help our community respond and recover to COVID-19 and the resources to help our region grow and prosper with opportunity."