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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE RUTH JONES MCCLENDON**

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**Representative Ruth Jones McClendon  
Hosts Hundreds of San Antonians at  
State Capitol**

(San Antonio)--State Representative McClendon was sworn-in for a sixth term in the Texas House of Representatives from District 120. She was joined by hundreds of Eastside constituents and San Antonians from throughout the city. Two buses of dedicated supporters, family and friends traveled to the State Capitol on the morning of January 9, 2007, followed by several cars and vans.

Rep. McClendon's husband, Denver, son, Thaddies, daughter, Angela, and cousin, Vera Taylor, joined her on the House floor in Austin for the swearing-in ceremony.

"Serving the Texas Legislature carries a great responsibility, and I am honored and humbled to have the opportunity to serve my community in this capacity," McClendon said. "This is an exciting time for Texans and I want to thank the residents of District 120 for allowing me to serve them for another two years."

Opening day of the 80th Legislative Session also saw a historic challenge as State Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, challenged State Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, for his position as speaker of the House. Speaker Craddick withstood the challenge. Both candidates for Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives were Republicans with similar conservative voting records.

One of the majority priorities for Rep. McClendon is to capitalize the Rail Relocation Fund that was authored by McClendon and approved in a constitutional amendment by Texas voters in November, 2005. This funding would allow the movement of dangerous railroad tracks away from our busy neighborhoods, dramatically improve public safety, spur economic development in our communities and improve our air quality. Another major concern of McClendon is increased funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and the Medicaid program that provides for our frail and elderly.

Prior to the opening of the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, McClendon spent numerous days in Austin pertaining to her duties on the Sunset Advisory Commission, which oversees all agencies under the auspices of the State of Texas. She invites constituents with comments on legislative issues, or who may have ideas for legislation, to contact her at the Capitol office at 512-463-0708. The District office will remain open during the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session and may be reached by calling 210-225-2107.