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**Tebow Bill Passes Out of Texas Senate**

**AUSTIN, TEXAS** - May 11, 2015 - State Sen. Van Taylor's Senate bill 2046, known by supporters as the Tim Tebow bill, was voted out of the Senate, 26 to 5, on Monday, May 11, 2015, with strong support from a bipartisan coalition of senators. The bill, already passed in 29 other states, would allow for home school students to participate in their local public schools' UIL extracurricular activities.

This progress follows an incredibly efficient committee hearing with powerful testimony, where the Tim Tebow bill was passed out of the Senate Education Committee two weeks ago almost unanimously on a bipartisan 9-1 vote, with one Senator abstaining. In attendance to testify in favor of the bill were several home school students, parents, and graduates, who spoke of the significant opportunities presented by the bill and the obstacles in the status quo. In addition to this, the University Interscholastic League Deputy Director was present to testify on the bill as a resource witness.

As he did in committee, Senator Taylor was a strong and outspoken advocate for the home schooling community and the opportunities that would be presented to students who choose to take advantage of the bill. Besides a few questions from Sen. Juan Hinojosa, the Bill passed nearly unanimously as it did in committee.

The Texas Home School Coalition and the THSC Watchmen expressed their gratitude to Senator Taylor for championing the issue and defending the home school community. The bill also received an abundance of support in committee and on the floor from Sen. Donna Campbell, who defended the issue to her colleagues, and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, who's strong support for the bill was critical to its success in the Senate.

The Texas Home School Coalition has had the overwhelming support of the Texas Senate on the issue for the last two sessions, and has high hopes for the support it expects to receive in the Texas House of Representatives, which is the bill's last stop before going to the Governor's desk.

**About THSC:** Since 1986, THSC has been serving and informing parents and the home school community in Texas. THSC members and supporters are informed families who believe in their right to direct the care, control, and upbringing of their children, believing that parents determine what is in the best interest of their children. THSC is the recognized authority advocating for and defending home schooling and parental rights in Texas.

The mission of the THSC Watchmen is to establish a presence and a level of rapport for home schoolers with the Texas Legislature that enables THSC to protect families in Texas for years to come. The THSC Watchmen continue guarding the walls to protect the rights of fit parents to direct the care, control, and upbringing of their child, and to *Keep Texas Families Free*.