

Welcome to Veritas!

Veritas. A simple Latin word for a very important concept: *truth*. Even in the realm of public policy, there are things which are true. In this edition of *Veritas*, State Sen. Florence Shapiro uses a quote from British Prime Minister Winston Churchill: “Sometimes to do your best isn’t good enough, sometimes you need to do what is right.”

In the playing out of politics, sometimes doing what is “right” gets lost in the shuffle of achieving “good” political goals. But at the Texas Public Policy Foundation we have long clung to the idea that sound policy is, in fact, good politics. Or, as my mother taught me: truth will eventually carry the day.

With this inaugural issue of *Veritas*’ new publication format, we have asked a few of our elected leaders to describe their perspective on the outcomes of this legislative session. From the governor to a freshmen state representative, and a number of influential politicians in between, you will find a perspective on the process – and the hard-won victories – not seen in many other venues.

On the topic of “other venues” of public discourse, you will find an intriguing article by Texas Media Watch examining how the media covered the session.

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I hope you enjoy *Veritas*!

For Texas,



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