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Senator Pete Flores Issues Statement on the Vote of Impeachment Articles

TODAY, AUSTIN, TX: Upon the final jury verdict of the high court of impeachment against Warren Kenneth Paxton Jr., Senator Pete Flores, R-Pleasanton, issued the following statement:

“It is my sworn duty to uphold the Constitution and conduct business in a way that brings honor to my district and the state of Texas,” said Flores. **“My colleagues and I spent countless hours over the course of several months developing robust and fair rules for the procedures of the trial. These rules were in place to honor and maintain the longstanding decorum of the Texas Senate, and allow the Senate to act, as it is constitutionally obligated, as the deliberative body in this process.**

“The articles of impeachment brought against Attorney General Ken Paxton were serious allegations that warranted a complete and impartial trial. As a juror, I was sworn to the rule of evidence and the rule of law.

“The burden of proof in the impeachment trial follows the same standard as criminal proceedings, therefore a vote of conviction required proof beyond a reasonable doubt. Casting my vote was not something I took lightly – these were some of the most somber votes I’ve cast as a State Senator. I stand staunchly behind my vote after fully considering the evidence provided in this case.”

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