

## **Biography**

Born and raised in Segundo Barrio, Christina Morales has been a leader in the community her entire life. She runs her small business, the family funeral home, the Felix H. Morales Funeral Home, and serves as Texas House Representative for District 145. Her family has a legacy of community service, including the Annual Morales Back to School Supplies giveaway that Christina started in 1997. Now in its 27th year, the supply giveaway ensures that over 2,000 kids in the East End have the supplies they need to start each school year strong. In addition to the school supply giveaway, Christina hosts an annual Death by Chocolate community fundraiser, an annual College and Career Day connecting high school students with universities, colleges, resources, and local community partners, and she hosts multiple food distributions within the community every year.

Currently representing District 145 in the Texas House, Christina Morales knows what the community needs. Determined to expand her commitment to the community where she was raised, Christina successfully ran for State Representative in 2019. Continually garnering praise from her colleagues for her exceptional constituent engagement, she is also a fighter in Austin. During the 88th Legislative Session, she authored and voted for bills supporting public education, worked to expand access to Ethnic Studies across the state, and fought Republican attacks on immigrants, voting rights, and women's healthcare. She has served as the Vice-Chair of the International Relations and Economic Development Committee and is currently the highest elected member of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, serving as the Vice-Chair.

Christina is blessed with two children and twin grandsons. She currently serves as President, CEO, and Funeral Director of Morales Funeral Home and President of the Morales Memorial Foundation located in the Segundo Barrio.

## **Notable Achievements in the Texas House**

- Authored the first Ethnic Studies bill to ever pass in the Texas House of Representatives
- Passed consumer protection and crime victims' rights bills
- Authored 65 bills in the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, 71 bills in the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, and 103 bills in the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session
- Passed a bill that requires additional active shooter training for peace officers, including school district peace officers and school resource officers to better protect students
- Organized a House Committee Meeting of State Leaders to collect testimony on the board of managers and current superintendent at HISD
- Stood up for Texas Voters in 2021 and was a leading voice in the 38-day quorum break to block republicans from passing hateful voter restriction laws
- Continually stood on the back microphone to block and kills harmful republican bills on open carry, anti-abortion, voter suppression, anti-DEI, and anti-immigrant legislation

## **Previously Held Leadership Roles**

Member, Corrections Committee, 86th Legislature

Member, Urban Affairs Committee, 86th Legislature

Vice Chair, International Relations and Economic Development Committee, 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
Member, Culture, Recreation, and Tourism Committee, 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
Member, Local & Consent Calendars Committee, 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
Commissioner, City of Houston Planning Commission  
Board Member, Buffalo Bayou Partnership  
Advisory Board Member, Center for Mexican American Studies, University of  
Houston Board Member, Denver Harbor Seniors  
Board Member, East End Foundation  
Board Member and Secretary, Houston Community College Foundation  
Board Member, Houston ISD Foundation  
Member, Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Board, City of Houston  
Member, Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital Committee

## **Family History in CD18**

When Representative Christina Morales' grandparents, Felix H. and Angela V. Morales, came to Houston in 1931, they began a family tradition of community-building. At the time, few funeral homes in Houston offered dignified burials to Latino families. They established Morales Funeral Home in 1931 and founded KLVN La Voz Latina, the first Spanish-language radio station to broadcast news for the Gulf Coast, in 1946.

It is from this upbringing that Christina learned to view the community as her family and build on the work that her grandparents began.

At age 23, following the death of her grandmother, Christina assumed ownership of Morales Funeral Home. She would continue to uphold its reputation for excellent service, forming long-lasting bonds with the families she consoled in their darkest hour. Under Christina's leadership, Morales Funeral Home has become a Houston institution and a pillar of the Second Ward community.

In 1997, Christina built on her grandparents' legacy of community engagement by establishing the Annual Morales Back to School Supplies Giveaway. Twenty-four years later, the program continues to serve more than 2,000 students each year, providing school supplies to families in Houston's most underprivileged communities.

The Morales Memorial Foundation and Felix H. Morales Funeral Home continue to give back to the community through community events, scholarships, and fundraising.

## **Bills Authored and Passed in the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**

- HB 12 Relating to the duration of services provided under Medicaid to women following a pregnancy. (Rose et al)
- HB 25 Relating to wholesale importation of prescription drugs in this state; authorizing a fee. (Talarico et al)
- HB 54 Relating to the personal needs allowance for certain Medicaid recipients who are

- residents of long-term care facilities. (Thompson et al)
- HB 55 Relating to the punishment for the criminal offense of indecent assault; increasing a criminal penalty. (Johnson, Julie et al)
  - HB 242 Relating to liability for the donation and distribution of feminine hygiene products. (Howard et al)
  - HB 567 Relating to discrimination on the basis of hair texture or protective hairstyle associated with race. (Bowers et al)
  - HB 568 Relating to education and training for peace officers on interacting with persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. (Bowers et al)
  - HB 671 Relating to a veterans suicide prevention campaign. (González, Mary et al) ● HB 916 Relating to health benefit plan coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs. (Ordaz et al) ● HB 968 Relating to procedures in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship filed by the Department of Family and Protective Services. (Gates et al)
  - HB 1743 Relating to a memorandum of understanding between the Health and Human Services Commission and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to assess the eligibility of certain inmates for supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits on discharge or release from confinement. (Leach et al)
  - HB 1778 Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to certain professional sports teams. (Hinojosa et al)
  - HB 2248 Relating to designating September 30 as Vanessa Guillén Day. (Garcia et al)
  - HB 2575 Relating to the workforce diploma pilot program. (Button et al)
  - HB 3553 Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for certain offenses if committed at certain locations. (Thierry et al)
  - HB 3554 Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for the offense of trafficking of persons if committed at certain locations. (Thierry et al)
  - HB 4451 Relating to a report by the Texas Workforce Commission regarding apprenticeship opportunities in this state for emerging and high-demand industries. (Bhojani et al) ● HB 4758 Relating to a prohibition on certain e-cigarette products; creating a criminal offense. (Thierry et al)

## **Bills Authored and Passed in the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**

- HB 4 Relating to the provision and delivery of certain health care services in this state, including services under Medicaid and other public benefits programs, using telecommunications or information technology and to reimbursement for some of those services. (Price et al)
- HB 5 Relating to the expansion of broadband services to certain areas. (Ashby et al) ● HB 33 Relating to measures to facilitate the award of postsecondary course credit leading to workforce credentialing based on military experience, education, and training and to prepare veterans for employment in certain industries. (Dominguez et al)
- HB 103 Relating to establishment of the Texas Active Shooter Alert System. (Landgraf et al) ● HB 428 Relating to health benefit plan coverage for ovarian cancer testing and screening. (King et al)
- HB 619 Relating to developing a strategic plan to support the child-care workforce. (Thompson et al)

- HB 636 Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners; authorizing a fee. (Thompson et al)
- HB 1195 Relating to the franchise tax treatment of certain loans and grants made under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. (Geren et al)
- HB 1540 Relating to regulation of certain facilities and establishments with respect to, civil remedies for certain criminal activities affecting, and certain criminal offenses involving health, safety, and welfare; creating a criminal offense; increasing criminal penalties. (Thompson et al)
- HB 1792 Relating to the evaluation of child-care providers participating in the Texas Rising Star Program. (Button et al)
- HB 1802 Relating to a study on the use of alternative therapies for treating post-traumatic stress disorder. (Dominguez et al)
- HB 2110 Relating to the automatic transfer of manufacturer's warranties on air conditioning systems conveyed with residential real property.
- HB 2633 Relating to resources provided to human trafficking victims and the establishment of the trafficked persons grant program. (Johnson, Ann et al)
- HB 3257 Relating to the creation of the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission. (King et al)
- HB 3271 Relating to establishing loan programs to assist certain micro-businesses by increasing access to capital; authorizing fees. (Perez et al)
- HB 3807 Relating to the use of lifeguards and informational signs to improve safety on public beaches. (Hunter et al)
- HB 4056 Relating to the establishment of a committee to study the formation of a Texas Bicentennial Commission. (Meza et al)

### **Bills Authored and Passed in the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**

- HB 5 Relating to debris management and other disaster recovery efforts. (Phelan et al)
- HB 6 Relating to disaster relief and recovery. (Morrison et al)
- HB 7 Relating to disaster preparation for state agencies and political subdivisions. (Morrison et al)
- HB 18 Relating to consideration of the mental health of public school students in training requirements for certain school employees, curriculum requirements, counseling programs, educational programs, state and regional programs and services, and health care services for students and to mental health first aid program training and reporting regarding local mental health authority and school district personnel. (Price et al)
- HB 19 Relating to mental health and substance use resources for certain school districts. (Price et al)
- HB 653 Relating to voluntary contributions to the evidence testing grant program made when applying for a corrected or duplicate driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate. (Neave et al)
- HB 1191 Relating to an annual report concerning the number of inmates who have been in the conservatorship of a state agency responsible for providing child protective services. (Johnson et al)

- HB 1590 Relating to statewide policies and practices, personnel training, evidence collection and preservation, and data collection and analysis regarding the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of sexual assault and other sex offenses. (Howard et al)
- HB 2184 Relating to a public school student's transition from an alternative education program to a regular classroom. (Allen et al)
- HB 2261 Relating to the physician education loan repayment program. (Walle)
- HB 2305 Relating to a work group on enhancing the training and credentialing of emergency management personnel. (Morrison et al)
- HB 2330 Relating to a study of an intake system and state case management system for state and federal disaster assistance. (Walle et al)
- HB 2335 Relating to the disaster supplemental nutrition assistance program. (Walle et al) ● HB 2340 Relating to emergency and disaster management, response, and recovery. (Dominguez et al)
- HB 2345 Relating to the creation of the Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas. (Walle et al)
- HB 2446 Relating to the availability of certain information regarding firefighters, volunteer firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, and fire safety inspectors and the certification and training for fire safety inspectors. (Swanson et al)
- HB 2945 Relating to payment card skimmers on motor fuel dispensers and to creating a payment fraud fusion center; imposing civil penalties; creating criminal offenses. (Perez et al) ● HB 3012 Relating to the disposition of certain students to alternative education settings and the provision of educational services to students in those settings or subject to in-school or out-of-school suspension. (Talarico et al)
- HB 3652 Relating to the creation of a state repository for open educational resources by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. (Turner et al)