



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Greetings:

As Governor of Texas, I am pleased to extend greeting to all in attendance at the CAST Conference. The theme for this year, *Celebrate the Past - Imagine the Future*, reminds us of the 50 years of service and dedication provided to science teachers by the Science Teachers Association of Texas.

Since 1957, the CAST Conference has enhanced the professionalism of science educators by focusing on the importance of science and technology education. Your presence at this conference articulates your commitment to enhancing your knowledge, networking and sharing expertise to give effective science and technology instruction to the students of the Lone Star State. The subject of science and technology is critical to our present lives and an essential tool for our students as they focus on meeting the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

As educators, your endeavors are reflected daily in the accomplishments of your students. You empower them to pursue excellence — to dream, dare and do. Today, I join my fellow Texans in commending the role you have played through the years in the success of young Texans, our brightest promise for the future.

First Lady Anita Perry and I extend our best wishes for a successful conference. And Happy 50th anniversary!

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry".

Rick Perry
Governor