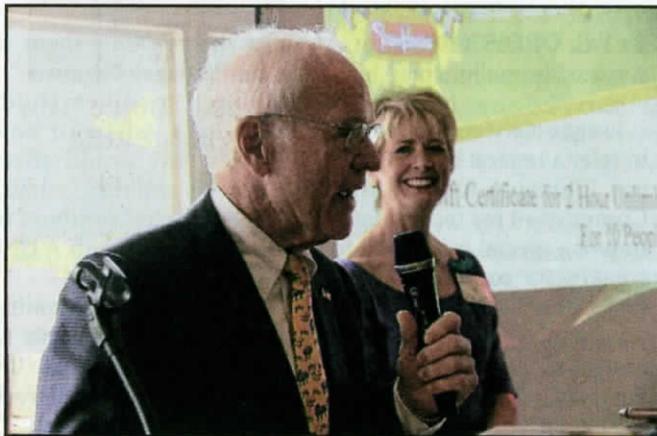


Mayoral hopeful delivers kickoff speech at Space Center Rotary

PRESS RELEASE

District G Houston City Councilmember Oliver Pennington spoke to the weekly meeting of the Space Center Rotary Club on Monday, April 21. The speech, which was Pennington's first since announcing his candidacy for Mayor of Houston in the November 2015 elections, was also notable since it took place on San Jacinto Day. In his speech, Pennington recalled the bravery of Texas freedom fighters, including Sam Houston and Juan Seguin, and then spoke about the greatness of the city of Houston, which was made possible by their bravery and sacrifice. Pennington noted that among the city's many strengths are a low cost of living, low crime rate and low unemployment.

Pennington acknowledged that the City is not without challenges, which he said include underfunded pensions, budget deficits and long term debt. Pennington promised a thorough plan to address each of these issues in his campaign and ended on optimistic note saying, "We have a rich past and a thriv-



Oliver Pennington and Sheryl Berg at the Space Center Rotary Club meeting.

ing present but I know that our brightest days are ahead."

Oliver Pennington is a native of the Bay Area. After graduating from Clear Creek Independent School District, Pennington earned a bachelor's degree from Rice University and his law degree from the University of Texas Law School.

Following a legal career with the local firm of Fulbright and Jaworski as an attorney specializing in municipal finance and environmental law, Pennington stunned opponents and

observers alike in his 2009 inaugural run for Houston City Council when he garnered 59 percent of the vote, soundly defeating four opponents without a runoff election. His most recent victory earned him nearly 83 percent of the vote, which was the largest percentage of any contested candidate on the November 2013 ballot.

Pennington is serving his third and final term on Houston City Council representing the people of District G and is a candidate for Mayor of Houston in the 2015 election.