

Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations

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Sen. Van de Putte Welcomes New Director of Veteran Affairs and Military Installations (VAMI) Committee

(SAN ANTONIO) -- Senator Leticia Van de Putte (D-San Antonio) announces that Jennie Costilow, current Director of VAMI, has accepted an offer from the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) to work in the Governmental Affairs division.

Effective April 7, 2008, Jenee Gonzales Garza will be assuming the role of Committee Director. Mrs. Gonzales Garza is currently Senator Van de Putte's Deputy Legislative Director. She has worked for the Senator for four years; and she is at present overseeing Health & Human Services and State Affairs legislation.

"While I am sad to see Mrs. Costilow leave the Texas Senate, I congratulate her on her new position at DADS," said Van de Putte. "I am also delighted Mrs. Gonzales Garza will be taking on this new role; and I am confident she will bring invaluable experience and perspective to the position."

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