

Cody Harris

State Representative, Texas House District 8

Cody Harris is a bold, conservative leader in the Texas House of Representatives, where over four legislative sessions he has built a reputation for forging lasting relationships across the chamber. He represents Texas House District 8, made up of Anderson, Cherokee, Henderson, and Navarro counties, a role he serves with pride and gratitude.

A lifelong Texan and a fifth-generation resident of East Texas, Cody's values were planted and nourished in the soil of the region his family has called home for generations. His ancestral roots trace back to Freestone County, established just after the Civil War, where his great-grandfather served as the last operator of the Wildcat Ferry along the Trinity River at Cayuga. That heritage continues to guide Cody's decision-making today, rooted in a commitment to the prosperity and protection of rural life in Texas.

Cody entered the Texas House in 2019, quickly becoming a quiet but effective leader known for building consensus and ushering in landmark legislation with real impact across the state. He has been at the forefront of efforts on water funding, nuclear energy research and implementation, ibogaine accessibility for veterans, and pharmacy reform.

During the 89th Legislative Session, Cody was appointed chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, where he authored HJR 7 and sponsored SB 7 to make strategic, long-term investments in the state's water infrastructure and to help secure new water sources for Texas. He also led the charge to deliver hope for veterans by sponsoring SB 2308, positioning Texas as a national leader in ibogaine treatment — a therapy with the potential to help veterans reclaim their lives. And through HB 14, he created the Texas Advanced Nuclear Energy Office, an initiative to invest in advanced reactor technology, build the nuclear workforce, and strengthen the security of the state's electric grid.

Additionally, Cody serves on the Calendars Committee and the Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee. Governor Abbott appointed him Commissioner of the Southwestern States Water Commission, and he serves as co-chair of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas Advisory Committee. He was also appointed to the Energy Council and is a founding member of the Texas House Nuclear Caucus and was recently elected Chairman of the bicameral Texas Innovation & Technology Caucus.

In prior sessions, Cody chaired the Local & Consent Calendars Committee and served on the Energy Resources Committee, the Agriculture & Livestock Committee, the Public Education Committee, the House Administration Committee, and the Select Committee on Educational Opportunity & Enrichment.

His work has been recognized with several honors, including the 2025 Rainmaker of the Year award from the Texas Water Foundation, Legislator of the Year from the Texas Nuclear Alliance, and the Snorting Bull Freedom Fighter Award from the Texas State Rifle Association.

Outside the Capitol, Cody and his wife, Taylor, are proud parents to three sons and a daughter. A graduate of Texas A&M University, he brings an extensive background in real estate and banking to his legislative work. He is also a graduate of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) Program and has served the Palestine community as former president of the Palestine YMCA Board of Directors, former president of the Palestine Young Professionals Network, and a former member of the Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.