

**House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB 307**

**Proponent Testimony by Terry Fleming**

**October 11, 2017**

**My name is Terry Fleming and on behalf of the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers I'm pleased to write in strong support of HB307, designating the month of September permanently as "We Card Month".**

**After working as a lobbyist for the past 39 years, I know these bills designating various days, weeks and months as special days are not always looked upon as serious issues but in the case of HB 307, this is a serious issue. Illegal use of tobacco and alcohol by minors is a problem that will not be solved simply by putting a sign up that says "We Card" but the more retail stores that have this sign can to help to deter those who seek to purchase tobacco and alcohol hoping they will not be carded. It also send a message to employee's that they are responsible to card when it appears that a minor is attempting to purchase tobacco and alcohol. We applaud State Representative Anne Gonzales for sponsoring this legislation and we ask for a favorable vote from this committee.**