



Dear Harris County Employees and citizens of Harris County:

It is with great pride that I thank each Harris County employee for giving unselfishly of your time and effort during the ongoing recovery of Hurricane Ike. The Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management was well prepared and all county departments knew their roles.

Harris County operations were back up and running quickly after the hurricane even while many of you were faced with your own challenges. Your contributions played an important role in restoring our county and cities back to some type of normalcy. Let it be known that your actions have not gone unnoticed by myself or the other members of Commissioners Court. I am proud of our Harris County family and the loyalty you have shown.

Additionally, I thank the residents of Harris County for their patience and trust. Many of you have suffered through damage and hardship, however, your strength to rebound reverberated across the nation. It is our people that make Harris County such a great place to live.

Hurricane Ike brought many challenges and will go down in the record books as one of the “big ones” to reach our coast. Ike will also be remembered as a model of local government’s ability to respond to disaster.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed Emmett", is written over a thin blue horizontal line.

Ed Emmett
Harris County Judge