



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Greetings:

As Governor of Texas, it is my pleasure to welcome all in attendance at ISA 2008 EXPO and to join in the celebration of the Automation Federation's Automation Career Week.

Automation is something many of us take for granted or may not even think about very much. But behind the façade of convenience and ease of use lie decades of hard work and contributions from talented people in a large number of disciplines, from academia to government to industry.

These innovators have helped keep America at the forefront of technological development, and have boosted the quality of lives of people, not just in this nation, but around the world.

I particularly commend ISA, through the Automation Federation, for efforts to increase the visibility of careers available to young math and science students. The more we encourage these young students, the better things will be for our state, our nation and our world.

It is also my pleasure to welcome our out-of-town guests to Houston, one of the greatest cities in the world. From top-class athletics, to a vibrant culture scene, to some truly incredible restaurants, Houston has something for everyone.

First Lady Anita Perry joins me in wishing you all a successful, productive EXPO.

Sincerely,

A large, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

Rick Perry
Governor