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**REPUBLICAN HOUSE MEMBERS' STATEMENT ON 84<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE**

AUSTIN - As members of the Republican Caucus of the Texas House, we proudly add our support to Speaker Joe Straus. Under his leadership, the House has promoted an economic agenda that resulted in Texas not just weathering the deep recession but emerging as a leader in the nation for doing business.

However, Texas is not just an economic leader, we again lead the nation in passing legislation protecting innocent life and raising the standards for women's healthcare. We have passed legislation to protect the ballot through Voter ID. We stopped the expansion of Medicaid under Obamacare thus keeping our state from a path of financial bankruptcy. We have passed legislation in the House to protect our constitutional right to bear arms and we will continue to protect this fundamental right.

The November election was a clear mandate for limited government, liberty, and conservative values. Speaker politics is never easy, but Speaker Straus has earned respect from conservative members for his efforts in promoting both a conservative fiscal and social agenda in the Texas House. There is more work to be done to ensure that Texas stays the course that has made it a great state. We look forward to working with Speaker Straus, Governor Abbott, and Lieutenant Governor Patrick to keep Texas strong.

May God Bless Texas,

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