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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE TREY MARTINEZ FISCHER
CELEBRATES SENATOR LETICIA VAN DE PUTTE,
LOOKS FORWARD TO OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP**
House Delegation calls for unity –legislative session too important for politics

San Antonio, TX— Today, State Representative Trey Martinez Fischer issued the following statement:

“Having served for over two decades in the Texas Legislature, Senator Leticia Van de Putte has been a tireless and fearless advocate for our community. I congratulate and thank her for carrying on our City’s rich legacy of dedicated public servants who have devoted their lives to serving the hard working people of San Antonio.

“Visiting with families and community leaders across our city, I am humbled to have the opportunity to carry on the strong tradition of service in Senate District 26, which was once represented by legendary Texas Senators like Greg Luna, Bob Vale, and Joe J. Bernal. For me, there is no greater honor than to have the support from the families of these great leaders, including Mrs. Helen Luna (Hon. Greg Luna) and Mrs. Teresa Vale (Hon. Bob Vale), and to have former Senator Dr. Joe Bernal serve as my campaign treasurer.

“Earning the support to carry on this legacy in the Texas Senate from the leaders of our community strengthens my resolve to continue the fight to improve the lives of all the people of San Antonio. Today, I am proud to have the support of U.S. Representative Joaquin Castro; State Representatives Justin Rodriguez, Joe Farias, Ruth Jones McClendon, Roland Gutierrez, and Phil Cortez; and San Antonio City Councilmembers Rey Saldana, Shirley Gonzales, and Cris Medina. This unified showing of support is proof of my abilities as a leader who will work for consensus and fight for our community.

“It is an honor that the Bexar County Legislative Delegation has come together to support my candidacy for SD 26. For the past six years, I have chaired the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, leading the battle against the State of Texas’ unconstitutional and illegal Voter ID law and redistricting plans. In 2013, *Texas Monthly* named me one of the Ten Best Legislators in the Texas, the only House Democrat so named, specifically recognizing my leadership role in restoring \$3.9 billion dollars for public schools. I have worked tirelessly with my colleagues to stand up for working families and to build consensus to improve the lives of all San Antonians. I am deeply thankful for their support.

“The leaders of this City and I know there is a fight ahead, a fight for the future of San Antonio. We know that the best way to serve our constituents is to work for a commonsense agenda that puts people first, and politics last. San Antonio cannot go one day without a voice in the Senate, and we need to come together in unity to protect the traditions of the Texas Senate. I believe that Texas’ best days lie ahead of us, and that together, through continued commitment and sacrifice, we will succeed in improving the lives of San Antonians and all Texans for generations to come.”

State Representative Justin Rodriguez said, "Over the years I've known Trey, he has always impressed me with his competence, preparedness and his ability to bring people together for a common purpose. Whether it was fighting to restore education funding this last legislative session or challenging unconstitutional laws meant to disenfranchise our citizens, we've always been able to count on Trey to stand up for what's right. I'm proud to support him, and look forward to his leadership in the state senate."

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