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Reps-Elect Landtroop and Perry Side with Conservatives in Speaker Race THROW THEIR SUPPORT BEHIND KEN PAXTON

PLAINVIEW, TX—Representatives-Elect Charles Perry and Jim Landtroop join numerous conservative organizations statewide today in calling for Republicans to select a Speaker of the Texas House from within their own caucus.

Perry and Landtroop did not pledge their support to the current Speaker early on because they wanted to hear from their constituents first. After praying about it and seeking the will of Districts 83 and 85, both Perry and Landtroop decided to help elect a conservative Speaker through a united Republican caucus vote and are pleased to pledge their support to conservative candidate, Ken Paxton.

“Warren Chisum and I had a very cordial conversation,” noted Charles Perry, “and he was most gracious understanding my endorsement of Ken Paxton in his bid for Speaker.”

Landtroop said, “we understand the gravity of this decision, however, Charles and I have taken this stand because we feel that the voters sent us to Austin to represent their West Texas values, and we believe that starts with electing a conservative champion as the next Speaker of the Texas House.”

Landtroop added, “I know why I was elected by a nearly two-to-one margin on election night, and it was not to go to Austin and do ‘business as usual.’ West Texans are tired of the government spending too much and ignoring the common-sense values and needs of working families. In my Contract with West Texas, I promised voters that I would fight to repeal Obamacare, protect life and secure Voter ID. Charles ran on the same principles including balancing the state budget and promoting a job-creating environment for West Texas families. The citizens have placed their trust in us to accomplish this agenda, and that starts by putting the right leader in charge.”

Perry continued, “no one wants a contentious Speaker’s race, but in order to effectively achieve our goals, Texas must have a Speaker who is dedicated to reducing the size and power of government and defending our freedoms. Ken Paxton is a dependable, conservative ally who will stand firm for our principles, no matter the political climate. Jim and I trust him to bring these key issues to the floor for an up or down vote and to appoint true conservatives to key committee positions.”

“Ken Paxton has worked tirelessly to stop a federal takeover of our State and protect individual liberties. As small businessmen, Charles and I appreciate Representative Paxton’s track record of repeatedly introducing legislation to cut taxes imposed on hardworking Texans and cap the growth of state government,” said Landtroop.

Perry concluded, “Ken Paxton is a proven conservative and Jim and I believe that his strong leadership will help us accomplish everything the voters expect us to do on their behalf next session.”

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