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**State Representative-Elect David Simpson**  
**Urges Republican Caucus Meeting to Choose Speaker**

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**Austin, TX (November 8, 2010)** –Voters in the election on Nov. 2 clearly showed they are not interested in politics as usual in the Texas House. With the election of a near super majority of Republicans to the Texas House, the candidate for Speaker of the House is an issue that the Republican Caucus should meet to consider.

Speaker Straus came into office through the political power of the Democrat Caucus due to his commitment to a leadership style of "umpiring" in the Texas House. The House does not need an umpire — they need a team captain. Such a captain should have experience dealing with budget shortfalls, re-districting, and contentious politics, with the ability to work across the aisle without sacrificing principles to do so.

The People of Texas want, need, and deserve a strong, principled Speaker of the Texas House who will not fold, will not fade, and will not thwart the effort of the People to return civil government to its core competencies of protecting life, liberty and property and otherwise leave them free. I urge the Republican Caucus to call a meeting of its members to choose a candidate with unified support from its membership.

I was not elected to support government as usual — to go along and get along. After winning the primary I announced that I would not make a pledge to anyone for Speaker and that I would wait to make a choice in the fall. I am determined to choose the candidate who I believe will best lead the Texas House during this critical time in the history of our state and our nation. I will not base my decision on fear or deals. I will choose a Speaker based on moral integrity, commitment to returning civil government to its proper limited role of protecting life, liberty and property, and defending state sovereignty. He or she must be someone who is fiscally conservative, and able to navigate the process of re-districting, and who is trusted and respected by members from both sides of the aisle.

Mr. Simpson, a Longview resident, is an East Texas businessman and former mayor of Avinger, Texas. He has been married to his wife, Susan, for 25 years. They have been blessed with seven children, four of which still live at home, and one grandson. Mr. Simpson was elected November 2 to represent the citizens of District 7 (Gregg County and northern Smith County).

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