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**The Florida Legislature Completes the 2016 Session
Highlighted by a Balanced Budget with Meaningful Tax Relief,
Record Education Investments,
and Comprehensive Water Policy Reform**

Tallahassee – The Florida House of Representatives today completed the 2016 Legislative Session and adjourned, *Sine Die*. During the past 60 days, the House passed numerous pieces of important legislation, highlighted by comprehensive water policy reform, and a balanced budget which includes \$557 million in tax relief for Floridians, record education funding, and \$3 billion in reserves.

“I’m proud of the work this House has done during this year’s Legislative Session,” said House Speaker Steve Crisafulli (R-Merritt Island). “Working with our Senate partners, we have passed important legislation that will have a meaningful impact on our state and its residents.

“As I’ve said before, water is our most precious natural resource. With the passage of our water policy reform bill and the Legacy Florida program, we are taking a comprehensive approach that will protect our water resources for generations to come and ensuring the completion of the decades-long restoration of the Everglades.

“We have also continued our tradition of bold education reforms to ensure students are equipped for success. This year, we made great strides in this effort through record per pupil funding, increased choice for parents and students to find the educational options that best fits their children’s needs, and creating the emerging preeminence designation to further bolster our higher education system.

“The budget passed by the House and Senate with overwhelming bipartisan support once again reflects our dedication to making fiscally responsible investments in our economy and creating an environment where Florida’s businesses can thrive. Our commitment to meaningful and broad-based tax relief for all Floridians is also reflected in this budget with over half a billion dollars in tax cuts. The final product, a balanced budget that prioritizes the critical needs of Floridians, will keep our state on the path of prosperity.”

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