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BAXLEY, BOWEN, BOGDANOFF & HASNER NAMED TO HOUSE LEADERSHIP TEAM

*~Diverse and experienced group of legislators to help lead House of
Representatives~*

TALLAHASSEE –Speaker-Designate of the Florida House of Representatives Marco Rubio announced today that Representative Dennis Baxley of Ocala will serve as Speaker pro tempore, Representative Marty Bowen of Winter Haven will serve as Majority Leader, Representative Ellyn Bogdanoff of Ft. Lauderdale will serve as Majority Whip, and Representative Adam Hasner of Boca Raton will serve as Deputy Majority Leader.

“All four of these members bring a mix of experience and leadership qualities as diverse as the people they represent,” said Speaker-Designate Rubio. “I know they will serve the people of this state and members of the Florida House well in their new capacities, and I am excited by the opportunity to work with them to advance positive ideas for the betterment of Florida.”

"It is truly an honor to serve the members alongside Speaker-designate Rubio in this capacity," said Representative Baxley. "The House will be an exciting place of ideas, and we have exciting days ahead in building a greater Florida future together."

"I am excited by the opportunity to serve the citizens of Florida and my fellow colleagues in the House," said Representative Bowen, the first Republican woman chosen to serve as Majority Leader and only the second woman in the history of the House to serve in that role. "Republican leadership in the House has brought our state better schools, safer communities, and the nation's leading economy. I look forward to leading the Majority as we build on our successes and respond to new and future challenges on behalf of all Floridians."

"I am grateful for the leadership of Speaker Rubio and am honored to be a part of such a dynamic leadership team," said Representative Bogdanoff. "The people of Florida have told us that they want to see real solutions to the problems they care most about. My fellow Republicans and I look forward to meeting that challenge and, in doing so, improve the lives of all Floridians."

“I am honored by the trust that the people of Florida have placed in us. I thank Speaker Rubio for this appointment, and I am excited to work with Majority Leader Bowen,” said Representative Hasner. “We have a bold agenda to address the challenges we face with innovative solutions and transform the way that business is done in Tallahassee. As we advance our ideas, I look forward to forging bipartisan consensus to solve the problems that Florida's families and communities are currently facing.”

The House will hold their Organization Session on Tuesday, November 21, in Tallahassee.

Speaker pro tempore Dennis K. Baxley – Representative Dennis Baxley was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2000. He most recently served as the Chairman of the House Council on Education and as a member of the Education Appropriations Committee, the Judiciary Committee, and the Rules and Calendar Council. Representative Baxley's service in the House has earned him numerous awards including the 2006 Florida Council of Instructional Technology Leaders Innovative Legislator of the Year, the 2006 Coalition of McKay Scholarship Schools Distinguished Service Award, the 2006 Statewide Advocacy Council's Legislator of the Year, and the 2006 Independent Colleges and Universities “Guardian of Independent Education Champion of the Year” award.

Majority Leader Marsha “Marty” Bowen – Representative Marty Bowen was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2000 and most recently served as Chair of the House Council on State Resources. Representative Bowen is a sponsor of the Florida Future Farmers of America and serves on the board of directors of the Polk County Farm Bureau. She has also served as a member of the Florida Farm Bureau State Oversight Commission Advisory Board and on the Winter Haven Economic Development Council.

Majority Whip Ellyn Setnor Bogdanoff – Representative Ellyn Bogdanoff was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2004 and most recently served as Vice Chair of the State Administration Council. Prior to her election as state representative, Representative Bogdanoff served on the Fort Lauderdale Planning & Zoning Board, the State Elections Commission and the Homeless Initiative Partnership Advisory Board of Broward County. She was also a member of Governor Jeb Bush's transition team in 1998 and the Ft. Lauderdale Education Advisory Committee from 1997 – 2000. Representative Bogdanoff is a recipient of numerous awards for her civic and community involvement. In 2005, she was honored by the Florida Association of Realtors as the Legislator of the Year and in 2006 was recognized by the Broward Partnership for the Homeless for her legislative advocacy.

Deputy Majority Lead Adam Hasner - Representative Adam Hasner was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002. He is a leader in the promotion of economic development through the creation of jobs in the research and technology

sectors. In addition, Representative Hasner is one of Florida's leaders in promoting alternative energy, sponsoring the 2005 Hydrogen Energy Technologies Act and legislation to encourage the use of fuel-efficient hybrid vehicles. In 2006, Representative Hasner passed the comprehensive Florida Energy Act, which provides a plan for Florida's energy future that includes consumer incentives for purchasing energy efficient appliances and utilizing solar technologies in homes and businesses. Representative Hasner is also a champion of cancer and Alzheimer's research. In 2005, he was named State Representative of the Year by the American Cancer Society for his advocacy of public funding for cancer research and treatment.

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