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Statement from House Democrats on Tonight’s Leadership Election

Tallahassee, FL – By a vote of 23-17, the House Democratic Caucus tonight elected Representative Kionne McGhee (D-Miami) to serve as the Democratic Speaker-Designate of the House of Representatives for the 2018-2020 legislative term. Representative McGhee was elected on the first ballot.

“I want to congratulate Representative McGhee on his election to serve as the Democratic Speaker-Designate for 2018-2020,” proclaimed **Democratic Leader Janet Cruz**. “Tonight’s election is a testament to the quality and depth of leadership that our caucus possesses. I want to thank all of the candidates for their commitment to the people of Florida and for the spirited but amicable campaigns everyone ran.”

“I am honored that my colleagues have put their trust in me to serve as Leader of the Democratic Caucus for 2018-2020,” declared **Leader-Designate Kionne McGhee**. “I also want to congratulate Representative Bobby DuBose for his hard work and dedication to our caucus throughout this process. I’m excited to work with Representative DuBose and our caucus as we continue to move our state forward by focusing on the priorities that matter to working Floridians.”

“Representative Kionne McGhee is a consummate fighter on behalf of the values that bind us together as Democrats and I congratulate him on his election tonight as Leader-Designate,” stated **Representative Bobby DuBose**. “With the election over, now is the time for our caucus

to stand united as we continue to fight for better public education, access to affordable healthcare, and good-paying jobs for every Floridian. I'm looking forward to the great work we will accomplish together.”

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