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Statement from Majority Leader Ray Rodrigues on the Sixth Week of Session

Tallahassee, FL—Majority Leader Ray Rodrigues released the following statement.

“This week, the Florida House passed their budget, which includes \$2.2 billion in tax cuts for parents, students, teachers, veterans, job creators, homeowners, and other Floridians. This budget plans for Florida’s future by being fiscally responsible, and preparing for any unforeseen economic crisis’ while eliminating wasteful spending—and ensuring our state’s critical needs are met.

We also passed an innovative bill for school improvement, which reforms our approach to failing schools. It streamlines the school improvement process and introduces increased accountability. The bill also authorizes the establishment of Schools of Hope, which will provide a high quality education option that will help to close the opportunity gap for students across our state.

We proceeded to modernize the Florida Retirement System, and expand survivor benefits for spouses and children of employees killed in the line of duty. In committee we stood against human trafficking and strengthened laws against domestic violence. As the week reaches a close, I’m proud of the reforms we passed. I look forward to seeing our Caucus work with the Senate in the next few weeks to come together on a final budget, and am excited to see these new programs, like Schools of Hope, make a positive impact on our future.

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