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STRAUS FILES FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE TEXAS HOUSE

SAN ANTONIO – Texas House Speaker Joe Straus filed Saturday for re-election in state House District 121, saying he looks forward to campaigning on his positive vision for San Antonio and all of Texas.

Straus made his candidacy official at Bexar County Republican Party Headquarters as filing for the 2014 elections began.

“This will be a positive campaign about the future of our community and our state,” said Straus, who was first elected to the House in 2005. “I have focused on core responsibilities such as education reform, water and making our state budget more transparent and efficient. I look forward to visiting with the residents of District 121 about these priorities and others in the weeks and months to come.”

Straus is a fifth-generation Texan, San Antonio native and small business owner. His colleagues have elected him Speaker of the Texas House at the outset of the last three legislative sessions.

He recently led the effort to pass Proposition 6, a long-term, responsible solution to the state’s severe water shortage. Earlier this week, Texans overwhelmingly approved Proposition 6 with 73 percent of the vote.

In this year’s legislative session, Straus also led the efforts to reduce standardized testing in public schools and to increase transparency in the state budget. Under his leadership, the House passed a balanced budget that cut more than \$1.3 billion in taxes while putting additional resources into public schools and higher education.

“I am proud to have delivered thoughtful, conservative results, and I believe Bexar County residents will continue to respond well to that record,” Straus said. “While serving as Speaker of the House is a tremendous honor, providing effective representation for District 121 remains my highest priority.”

House District 121 includes the Bexar County communities of Alamo Heights, Olmos Park, Terrell Hills and northeastern San Antonio.

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