Leo Berman Campaign 2109 Dover Lane Tyler, Texas 75703

*****Media Release***** "MY CHOICE FOR SPEAKER OF THE TEXAS HOUSE"

My colleagues (listed below) and I are proud to reaffirm our support for Tom Craddick as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

Although Texas has faced many challenges since 2003, the Texas House of Representatives has fulfilled its obligations to the people of Texas under Tom Craddick's leadership. Speaker Craddick has led the House through three regular sessions, four special sessions on school finance and unprecedented efforts to disrupt the House. Under Tom Craddick's leadership, the following initiatives have been accomplished:

- 1. Balanced the budget without raising taxes despite a \$10 billion budget shortfall.
- 2. Added transparency to the budget process.
- 3. Kept schools open by passing a school finance plan, increased spending each session on public education and appropriated money for a 13th check for retired teachers.
- 4. Began the process of expanding renewable energy.
- 5. Passed a property owners bill of rights to protect private property.
- 6. Increased penalties for child predators by passing "Jessica's Law."
- 7. Eliminated the TAKS test for end-of-course exams at the high school level.
- 8. Increased the number of RN's through additional funding for nursing programs.
- 9. Passed nationally recognized Tort Reform Bill.

Because of his record of success, we stand resolutely behind Tom Craddick and continue to support his re-election as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

eo Berman, State Representative, District 6

Representative Warren Chisum, Representative Linda Harper-Brown, Representative Carl Isett, Representative Phil King, Representative Jodie Laubenberg, Representative Ken Paxton, Representative Dan Flynn, Representative Geanie Morrison, Representative Bryan Hughes, Representative Bill Callegari, Representative Larry Taylor, Representative Wayne Christian