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Schwertner named to Senate Finance Committee

AUSTIN, TX – Today, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst appointed State Senator Charles Schwertner, MD (R-Georgetown) to serve as member of the Senate Finance Committee, the powerful 15-member legislative body responsible for writing the Senate's version of the biennial budget for the State of Texas.

"Passing a balanced budget is the top priority of the Texas Legislature and I look forward to crafting a responsible and conservative state budget that maximizes efficiency, while providing for the essential functions of government," said Schwertner. "As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, I intend to serve as a diligent steward of our taxpayer dollars, hold the line on government spending, provide much-needed tax relief for hard-working Texas families, and do everything in my power to keep Texas on the path to prosperity."

As a member of the Texas House of Representatives in 2011, Senator Schwertner previously served on the House Committee on Appropriations, the budget-writing counterpart to the Senate Finance Committee.

In today's announcement, Lt. Governor Dewhurst also tapped State Senator Jane Nelson (R-Flower Mound) to lead the Senate Finance Committee as Chairwoman. She replaces State Senator Tommy Williams (R-Woodlands) who resigned late last year to pursue a government affairs position with the Texas A&M University System.

"Throughout her distinguished career in the Texas Senate, Jane Nelson has proven herself to be a courageous conservative and a highly-respected legislative leader. I can think of no one better to lead the Senate's budget-writing committee, and I look forward to continuing our work together as she assumes this new role," said Schwertner.

In 2012, Dr. Charles Schwertner was first elected to serve the citizens of Senate District 5, a ten-county region of central and east Texas, which includes Brazos, Freestone, Grimes, Leon, Limestone, Madison, Milam, Robertson, Walker and Williamson counties. Following the 83rd Legislative Session, Senator Schwertner was named a "Courageous Conservative" by the Texas Conservative Coalition, a "Lone Star Conservative Leader" by the Texas Conservative Roundtable, and "Senate Freshman of the Year" by Texas Monthly magazine.

In addition to his role in the Texas Legislature, Dr. Schwertner also serves as a practicing orthopedic surgeon in the Georgetown area. He and his wife Belinda, an obstetrician/gynecologist, live in Georgetown with their three sons: Carson, Zachary, and Matthew.

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