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Florida House Democrats Select Representative Gallop Franklin as Leader for the 2028-2030 Term

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida House Democratic Caucus has selected **Representative Gallop Franklin (D-Tallahassee)** as Leader Designate-Elect, scheduled to lead the caucus for the 2028-2030 legislative term.

During his service in the Florida House, **Representative Franklin** has championed economic opportunity and affordability for Florida families, including expanding access to health care, strengthening higher education, and confronting the skyrocketing costs of insurance and housing to restore financial security for Floridians.

“I am deeply honored and humbled by the trust my colleagues have placed in me,” **Representative Franklin** said. “Our service to the people of Florida is guided by shared values and a steadfast commitment.”

He added, “In our approach to improving the quality of life for Floridians, House Democrats bring open ears, open minds, as well as bold and visionary ideas to the table. Our Caucus will continue to fight for the best interests of all Floridians, guided by the clear mission set by the voters who elected us to represent them.”

Leader Fentrice Driskell (D- Tampa) said, “Congratulations to Representative Franklin. He has earned the respect of his peers and has been an excellent advocate for his community. I look forward to watching him lead this caucus in the years to come. Leadership isn’t always easy or glamorous, but it essential as the Democratic Caucus works to make Florida the best it can possibly be.”

Leader Designate Christine Hunschofsky (D- Parkland) added, “I know that Representative Franklin will carry this caucus forward, continuing the good work we’ve done to focus on affordability and improving the lives of all Floridians. And I am grateful for his willingness to take on this responsibility. I look forward to watching him lead the fight on behalf of the people of Florida.”

Representative Franklin, who ran for Leader Designate-Elect unopposed, will direct election operations for the House Democratic Caucus during the 2028 election cycle and will lead House Democrats during the 2029 and 2030 legislative sessions.

A native of Tallahassee, **Representative Franklin** is a pharmacist. He graduated from Florida A&M University (FAMU) where he received a PharmD. He also earned his MS and MBA from Cornell University.

As an undergraduate, FAMU students elected **Franklin** to serve two terms as Student Body President. He also served as President of the Florida Student Association, becoming the first FAMU student to serve on the State University System Board of Governors, the policy board that oversees Florida's public university system.

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