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## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

*The 2012 Legislative Session has concluded. This year's session focused on living within our means, job creation, and reducing the scope and size of government. We passed PIP legislation and balanced our state budget without raising taxes.*

*My office and staff are always available to assist you with questions or difficulties you may have with a state agency. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns.*

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## ALMA LEE LOY BRIDGE

### HB 7309—Road Designations

This bill names the 17th Street Bridge in Vero Beach for Alma Lee Loy. It passed the House & Senate and now awaits the Governor's signature before becoming law.

Ms. Loy has been a tireless advocate for our community, and is truly deserving of this honor. I'm so proud to have played a role in the process.



## JOB CREATION

Florida's Legislature is dedicated to creating an environment ripe for economic growth. This Session, we passed the following major tax packages to help spur economic investment and get Floridians back to work:

**HB 7069**— Provides tax refunds to businesses that create high wage jobs in specific targeted industries. This legislation focused on attracting high-tech, high wage companies to our state, giving Florida the opportunity to thrive in the 21st century.

**HB 7087**— increases Florida's corporate income tax exemption and creates numerous tax incentives to support job creation in manufacturing and other important industries.

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Enrolled Bill

Once a bill has passed both chambers, it is enrolled in the house of origin under the supervision of the Clerk of the House or the Secretary of the Senate. After it has been enrolled and signed by officers of both houses, it is then sent to the Governor for action and transmittal to the Secretary of State. The version of the bill sent to the Governor is referred to as an enrolled bill.

Law

Once a bill is enrolled and sent to the Governor, the Governor has three options:

- 1) Approve the bill by signing it into law;
- 2) Allow the bill to become law without a signature; or
- 3) Veto the bill. A veto may be overridden by a 2/3 vote by the House and Senate.

Once the bill is approved by the Governor, allowed to become law without a signature, or the Governor's veto is overridden by the Legislature, the bill becomes law.

KEEPING TAXES LOW

The Legislature also focused on giving our families a tax break:

**HB 737**—This bill establishes a Sales Tax Holiday for clothing, uniforms, and school supplies, to help families save on back-to-school shopping during the weekend of August 3-5, 2012.

**HB 95**—This bill proposes a constitutional amendment to provide homestead property tax exemptions for spouses of first responders who have been killed in the line of duty. The amendment will be placed on the November 2012 ballot for approval by the voters. Remember, ballot amendments require approval of 60 percent of voters to go into effect.

HIGHER EDUCATION REFORM

**HB 7129**— This bill establishes a collaborative partnership between the Florida Board of Governors and the Legislature to elevate academic and research excellence and national preeminence of the highest-performing state research universities by creating a system of standards. If signed into law, universities that meet specified standards would be able to establish student tuition and fees at differentiated and market rates.

“This legislation will help drive our state’s economic engine by increasing our state university system’s global competitiveness,” stated Florida House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera. “By offering qualifying universities the flexibility to set tuition at differentiated and market rates, we can ensure that our top institutions have the resources they need to establish instructional programs that distinguish these universities from their national competitors.”

PERSONAL INJURY PROTECTION REFORM

**HB 119**—This bill reforms Florida’s Personal Injury Protection (PIP) law to address major cost drivers in the current No-Fault motor vehicle insurance system. It makes meaningful changes in attacking fraud, controlling overutilization, focusing on promptly treating people for their serious injuries and reducing litigation costs.

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