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Leon County Democratic Party hosts A Voter Outreach Day with local candidates *National Democratic Party will highlight the local party's efforts*

Tallahassee— On Saturday, July 29th, the Leon County Democratic Executive Committee (DEC) hosted a Democratic Voter Outreach Day during which scores of Democratic volunteers walked neighborhoods, spoke with voters, and distributed campaign literature. In addition to the neighborhood canvassing, many other volunteers called Leon County voters from the DEC headquarters. Local candidates and their campaign volunteers also participated.

“Floridians are tired of the GOP-style of government, which serves at the beck and call of the highest bidder,” said Leon Democratic Party Chairman Rick Minor. “Democrats want their government to put Floridians first, and that’s why we’re banding together to reach out to Leon County voters. “

About 80 local Democrats arrived Saturday morning for breakfast and outreach training before heading out to Tallahassee’s neighborhoods or making calls from the DEC office. To encourage volunteer recruitment, the DEC held a friendly competition amongst its Democratic candidate campaigns. The three campaigns that brought the most volunteers are recognized on the Leon DEC’s website, www.LeonDems.com. First place went to Cliff Thaell (running for reelection to the Leon County Commission), second place to Iris Wilson (Candidate for Leon County Schools Superintendent); and third place to Thure Caire (Candidate for reelection as Ochlockonee River Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor).

Rep. Curtis Richardson (D-Tallahassee), who is unopposed in seeking his fourth term in the Florida House of Representatives, also attended the event and marked the occasion with a \$1,000 contribution from his campaign fund. “The Leon DEC is very grateful to Rep. Richardson for his donation, as it will help the party elect other Democratic candidates this fall,” said Leon DEC Elected Officials Liaison Nora Herron.

As part of its national Democratic Reunion Day on July 29th, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) has chosen to highlight the Leon DEC’s Voter Outreach Day and will feature the event on its national website, www.democrats.org. For a preview of the DNC’s coverage, please visit: http://www.democrats.org/a/2006/07/the_democratic_4.php.

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