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ED HOOPER PICKS UP ENDORSEMENT FROM PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

CLEARWATER – Ed Hooper today received the endorsement of Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri in Hooper’s campaign for Florida Senate, District 16. The District includes northern Pinellas and part of southwestern Pasco County.

“For as long as I’ve known Ed Hooper he has been a staunch supporter of our law enforcement and first responder community,” Sheriff Gualtieri said. “His background as a firefighter gives him a unique perspective on the daily sacrifices of our men and women in uniform who protect and serve our neighbors.”

“Ed’s real-world, first-hand insight on these important issues will serve him – and us – well in the Florida Senate, and I’m happy to support him.”

Hooper said he is humbled to welcome “one of the most proactive, engaged Sheriffs in the country” to his campaign team. “Sheriff Gualtieri’s passion for protecting citizens is on display each and every day. He is constantly in our neighborhoods and communities getting feedback from residents and engaging with his deputies to keep our streets safe and morale high. I’m grateful for Bob’s generous support, and I look forward to working with him here in Pinellas County and in Tallahassee,” Hooper said.

Ed Hooper was born in North Carolina and moved to Clearwater in 1972. He attended St. Petersburg Junior College where he studied fire science and emergency medicine studies. Hooper worked as a Clearwater firefighter for over 24 years. He was previously elected to the Clearwater City Council and spent eight years in the Florida House before being term-limited in 2014. A business owner, Hooper has a long history of involvement in the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Pinellas and the county’s Republican Executive Committee. He and his wife Lee live in Clearwater. They have four children and ten grandchildren.

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