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### **Statement from Congressman Hensarling on Submission of President's FY05 Budget**

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Congressman Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas), member of the House Budget Committee, issued the following statement regarding the submission of the President's Fiscal Year 2005 Budget to Congress:

“I applaud President Bush's determination to control federal spending in the FY05 budget. I am especially encouraged by his effort to keep increases in non-defense discretionary spending under one percent and eliminate many wasteful or lower priority government programs. This budget is a step in the right direction and I am hopeful that working with other members of Congress we can do even more to protect the family budget from the federal budget.

“The Constitution grants Congress the power of the purse. By any reasonable measure, federal spending is out of control. If we want to show the American people that we are serious about controlling federal spending, then we have to start with this budget and put in place real caps on federal spending.

“All spending is not created equal. Congress needs to decide which is more important, growing the federal budget or protecting the family budget. As a member of the House Budget Committee, I am looking forward to working with the President, Chairman Nussle and others to achieve our common goals of controlling federal spending and eliminating the deficit. Concentrating on priorities, reform, accountability and oversight will actually help the government deliver better services at a lower cost to taxpayers.”