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MONTPELIER – Gov. Peter Shumlin issued the below statement following House Speaker Shap Smith’s announcement today.

“I have so much love and support for Shap and Melissa. Along with their two wonderful children they are an incredibly strong family. I know they will get through this with the help of their loved ones as well as all of us in their extended Vermont family here in Montpelier and throughout the state.

“Shap is a dear friend. While I know this was a difficult decision for him to make in light of the passion he has for serving his state, I also know that as a husband and father this was not at all a difficult decision. I have an incredible amount of respect for Shap as a leader and person, for all he has done for his state, and for all he will continue to do on behalf of Vermonters.”

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