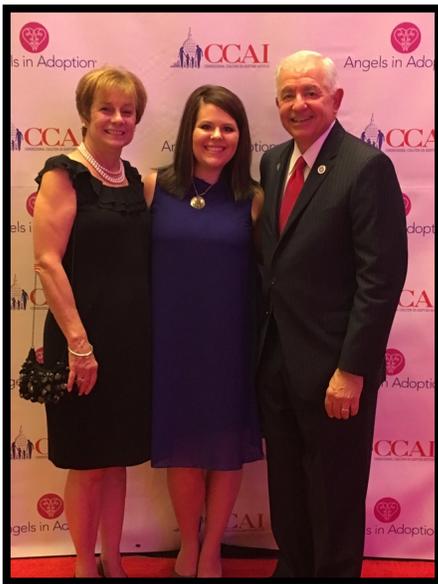




### **Senator Ronnie Johns Honored with Congressional Angels in Adoption Award**

Louisiana State Senator Ronnie Johns was recently recognized by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute in Washington D.C. as one of its Angels in Adoption Honorees for 2016. Senator Johns accepted the award at the organization's annual gala last month in Washington D.C.



The Angels in Adoption Program recognizes the extraordinary efforts of individuals, couples, and organizations who work for advocacy on behalf of children in need of a family. The celebration of those honored this year was held at the Reagan Center in Washington, and attended by hundreds of people from across the country. Senator Johns was chosen for his work in the Louisiana Legislature for his leadership and work on adoption and foster care issues. Most recently, he has become known for his leadership in the fight against human trafficking. He was nominated for the award by U.S. Congressman Dr. Charles Boustany.

"I am extremely honored to be recognized for something this important as helping children in need of a loving family life," said Senator Johns. "There can be no greater work than helping children realize the right of living in a family environment, secure in the knowledge that someone loves and supports them."

The Louisiana Legislature has formed its own Legislative Coalition on Adoption, of which Senator Johns serves as Senate Chairman, along with Rep. Walt Leger of New Orleans, who serves as the House Chairman.

*Since its inception in 1999, the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute's (CCAI) Angels in Adoption program has recognized almost 2,000 people. Past recipients include First Lady Laura Bush, Muhammad Ali, Kristin Chenoweth, Patti LaBelle, Bruce Willis, Rosie O'Donnell and Jane Seymour.*

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