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SEN. CHABERT TAKES OATH OF OFFICE AS NEW DISTRICT 20 STATE SENATOR

SETS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COASTAL RESTORATION, AND FUNDING FOR VITAL AREA HEALTH CARE & EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AS PRIORITIES

Norby Chabert is the new state senator for Senate District 20. Sen. Chabert officially took the oath of office during special ceremonies Thursday evening at the Houma Municipal Auditorium. Justice John Weimer, Associate Justice, Louisiana Supreme Court administered the oath of office as family members, friends and supporters stood near by. The Houma democrat won a special election last month to replace Senator Reggie Dupre who left the Senate to take on new responsibilities as Executive Director of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District.

Sen. Chabert's election to the District 20 Senate seat continues a family tradition of public service in the Louisiana Senate. Both his father, the late Leonard Chabert, and his brother, Marty Chabert, previously served the people of District 20 in the upper chamber. Sen. Chabert's oath of office ceremonies included a special tribute to his father.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to be the voice of the great people of District 20 in the Senate," Sen. Chabert said. "It is a privilege to serve and I will not let our citizens or the state of Louisiana down."

The Nicholls State University graduate plans to focus on economic development, coastal restoration and hurricane protection, as well as continued state funding of vital health care and education institutions in the area during his service in the Senate.

"In these trying times, we are blessed with a robust economy in our area and I want to make sure we keep that economic engine running," Sen. Chabert said. "It is also important that we do not let up on our state and national efforts to restore Louisiana's coast and provide our citizens and businesses the hurricane protection they deserve. And, continued state support of the Chabert Medical Center as well as Nicholls State University and the Fletcher Technical Community College is vital to improving the quality of life for our citizens."

Sen. Chabert resigned his job at Nicholls where he served as Associate Director of Marketing and Development to seek the Senate seat. He previously operated a governmental relations firm and helped area residents in their storm recovery after the 2005 hurricanes.

Senate District 20 includes southern Terrebonne and LaFourche Parishes and most of Houma.

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