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## SENATOR GERALD LONG PRAISES ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO CENTRAL LOUISIANA PROJECTS

### \$1.6 MILLION APPROPRIATED FOR WINN PARISH CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS

Senator Gerald Long (R-District 31) expresses his gratitude to Governor Jindal's Administration, following an announcement that \$1.6 million would be appropriated to capital construction projects in Winn Parish, including improvements to Country Club Road and an expansion of the water system in Calvin. The construction initiatives, set to be funded next fiscal year (FY 2011), are among several of the Administration's funding commitments to capital outlay in the Central Louisiana region.

Sen. Long said, "These projects are vital efforts to upgrade facilities which are well-used by the residents of Winn Parish. Such efforts indicate the fundamental commitment of the Administration to moving forward in the region and for this we are extremely grateful. I would also like to thank Representatives Rickey Nowlin, Billy Chandler and James Fannin for their support, which was crucial to the funding of these initiatives."

Country Club Road, which connects the City of Winnfield with Highway 84, has been appropriated \$100,000 toward initial planning and construction. The project is guaranteed \$820,000 in Priority 5 future funds, with a total amount of \$920,000 committed to the Country Club Road improvements. Sen. Long wishes to acknowledge the leadership role taken by Rep. James Fannin, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations in having this project funded. In Calvin, an expansion to the water system for residents is appropriated \$400,000 toward initial planning and construction. Priority 5 future funds for this project amount to \$365,000, bringing the Administration's commitment to this utility to \$765,000.

Sen. Long said "It is encouraging that the Governor has seen fit to make these projects top priorities in the region when the Administration is seeking to scale back on capital outlay commitments due to the backlog. These capital outlay initiatives in Winn Parish are an important step for the continued growth and development of the region. The two projects, contained in the proposed Central Louisiana package to the annual capital outlay bill amount to \$1.6 million in Winn Parish projects."

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