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SENATOR JONATHAN "J.P." PERRY ELECTED AS CHAIR OF ACADIANA DELEGATION

Members of the Acadiana Delegation, which is comprised of both State Representatives and Senators from the cultural area known as 'Acadiana,' have elected District 26 State Senator "J.P." Perry as its 2011-12 Chairman. This will be the fourth year Sen. Perry will serve as Chairman of the Delegation, which represents 22 parishes, with the core being Vermilion, Acadia, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Iberia and Lafayette Parishes. Sen. Perry said that he and the other officers pledge to work together and with state agencies and local governing authorities to assure quality representation for the people of Acadiana.

"During such a difficult special session and upcoming regular fiscal session working together helps us to promote and protect our area and improve the conditions and objectives we share," said Sen. Perry, who represents all of Vermilion Parish and portions of Acadia, Lafayette and St. Landry Parishes. "As a group we command more attention and have a stronger voice in deliberations on the House and Senate floor than we would individually. This makes us more effective as legislators and enables us to do a better job for our constituents."

Other officers elected to serve the Acadiana Delegation are District 49 Representative Simone Champagne of Jeanerette as Vice Chair and District 41 Representative Mickey Guillory of Eunice as Secretary-Treasurer.

As Chairman, Sen. Perry appointed six delegation members to serve with the officers on the executive committee. They are: District 22 Senator Fred Mills of Parks, District 24 Senator Elbert Guillory of Opelousas, District 48 Representative Taylor Barras of New Iberia, District 60 Representative Karen St. Germain of Plaquemine, District 40 Representative Ledricka Johnson Thierry of Opelousas, and District 31 Representative Nancy Landry of Lafayette.

The Acadiana Delegation was formed in 1979. It is composed of 32 representatives and 11 Senators. During the legislative session, members may be reached by addressing correspondence to Post Office Box 44500, Baton Rouge, LA, 70804-4500 or by calling 225.342.0349 or by faxing to 225.342.0352. The email address for the Executive Administrator is babinead@legis.state.la.us or acad_del@legis.state.la.us.

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