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

Members of the Acadiana Delegation, comprised of both State Senators and Representatives from the cultural area known as 'Acadiana,' re-elected District 26 State Senator "J.P." Perry as their 2012-13 Chairman. This is Sen. Perry's fifth year to 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.

"The entire Acadiana area will be facing some of the most difficult times in recent history. I am very proud to accept this leadership role and work with all legislators in the Acadiana region," said Sen. Perry

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 23 Senator Page Cortez of Lafayette, District 49 Representative Simone Champagne of Jeanerette, District 37 Representative John Guinn of Jennings, District 40 Representative Ledricka Johnson Thierry of Opelousas, and District 39 Representative Stephen Ortego of Carencro.

"The constituents of all communities in Acadiana both large and small can have confidence that their best interests will always be first as our delegation moves through this very tough session," said Sen. Perry. "A major goal of this upcoming session will be to keep our constituents informed every step of the legislative process, I believe that is very important."

Other officers elected to serve the Acadiana Delegation are Vice-Chair District 31 Representative Nancy Landry of Lafayette and Secretary-Treasurer District 41 Representative Mickey Guillory of Eunice.

The Acadiana Delegation was formed in 1979. It is composed of 36 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, by calling 225.342.0349 or by faxing to 225.342.0352. The email address for the Executive Director is babinead@legis.la.gov or acad_del@legis.la.gov.

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