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SEN. PERRY SELECTED TO SERVE ON ATCHAFALAYA BASIN PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

District 26 State Senator Jonathan "JP" Perry is a new member of the Atchafalaya Basin Program Oversight Committee. Senate President John A. Alario, Jr. recently appointed Sen. Perry to the panel which was created by the legislature in 2008 to monitor, review and make recommendations relative to the Atchafalaya Basin Program in the Department of Natural Resources. The state works cooperatively with the federal government to preserve and enhance the basin by expanding public access, environmental easements, water management and recreation.

"The Atchafalaya Basin is one of our nation's greatest treasures and I am excited about the opportunity to make sure that we do everything possible to conserve and restore this important natural resource," Sen. Perry said.

The Atchafalaya Basin is the nation's largest river swamp with almost one million acres of bottomland hardwoods, swamps, bayous and back-water lakes. The state is in the process of implementing a 15-year master plan, partly financed by the federal government, to preserve and enhance the basin.

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