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PETERSON SELECTED AS CHAIR OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN

BATON ROUGE – Today, Senate President John Alario announced the selection of Karen Carter Peterson, Senator from District 5, as the chair of the Select Committee on Women and Children. This committee’s jurisdiction includes advancing the well-being of women and children, particularly concerning access to health, promoting equity in education, economic advancement, health, and criminal justice, and reviewing state law to ensure the inclusiveness of the concerns of women and children. Sen. Peterson released the following statement in reaction to the news:

“I’m honored to have been selected to chair this critical committee focused on the specific concerns of women and children. I am energized by the opportunity to advocate on behalf of strengthening Louisiana families and ensuring our children have all of the advantages we can provide them,”

Peterson has held numerous leadership roles throughout her tenure in the legislature, including immediate past chair of the Select Committee on Hurricane Recovery, President Pro Tempore of the Louisiana House, Vice-Chair of the Senate and Government Affairs Committee, and former chair of the House Insurance Committee. Peterson also currently serves as a commissioner of the Louisiana Bicentennial Commission.

Peterson was reelected without opposition to the newly reconfigured Senate District 5 in the fall of 2011.

Other members appointed to the Select Committee on Women and Children are Senators Sherri Smith Buffington (Vice-Chair), Sharon Weston Broome, Yvonne Dorsey – Colomb and Fred Mills.

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