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St. Tammany Legislators United on Giving Parish Voters the Right to Vote on Proposed Gaming Resort

St. Tammany Parish, LA - As the deadline to file legislation for the upcoming 2021 Regular Legislative Session approaches, St. Tammany area legislators unite on two critical bills. On today, two instruments were filed that could set up a fall election, giving voters the right to approve or deny a proposed gaming resort east of Slidell in St. Tammany Parish. In a strong showing of support, every legislator who resides in St. Tammany Parish signed on to the legislation as co-authors, signaling their wish to give voters the right to make the final decision.

Authors and Co-Authors of the legislation include: Senator Sharon Hewitt (District 1); Senator Patrick McMath (District 11); Representative Larry Frieman (District 74); Representative Bob Owen (District 76); Representative Mark Wright (District 77); Representative Richard Nelson (District 89); Representative Mary DuBuisson (District 90); and Representative Paul Hollis (District 104).

Author of the Senate Bill, Senator Sharon Hewitt, issued the following statement:

- "There is nothing more fundamental to our democracy than letting the people vote. Citizens who both oppose and support this measure should be given a chance to decide the fate of this proposed resort."

- Senator Sharon Hewitt, Senate District 1

Author of the House Bill, State Representative Mary DuBuisson, commented:

- "Legislators, Parish, and City leaders continue to work to ensure that what is proposed is the best deal possible for our Parish. All pros and cons of this possible venture should be put before the voters to make a final decision."

- Representative Mary DuBuisson, House District 90

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