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### **Speaker unveils official Capitol Christmas ornament**

**BATON ROUGE** – In recognition of a native threatened species that has made a remarkable recovery and the work to assist that recovery, Speaker of the House Chuck Kleckley and his wife Laurie today unveiled the official Christmas ornament of the Capitol – the Louisiana Black Bear.

Joining the Speaker were key figures in working to protect the Louisiana Black Bear: Public Service Commissioner and former state senator, Foster Campbell; Executive Director of the Black Bear Conservation Coalition Paul Davidson; and Rep. Sam Jones-D and Sen. Bret Allain-R, both from Franklin, LA, home of the Black Bear Festival.

Proceeds of the sale of the ornament go to the Louisiana Capitol Foundation, which has for the past 15 years commissioned the official Christmas ornament of the Capitol.

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The Louisiana Capitol Foundation was created to assist in the preservation of the Louisiana State Capitol and its historical furnishings. The general public may order ornaments from the LA Capitol Foundation by calling 225-342-0642.

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