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Congress

PARISH OF CALCASIEU

State of Louisiana

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the development of a congressional reapportionment plan will begin in early 2011 and is required to be in place by mid-2012, making 2011 a very important year for Southwest Louisiana as the State of Louisiana will be conducting its decennial reapportionment of congressional representative districts; and

WHEREAS, due to a projected stagnant change in population in the State, Louisiana will most likely lose a congressional district; and

WHEREAS, the Seventh Congressional District – composed of the areas of south central and southwest Louisiana, including the urban municipalities of Lafayette and Lake Charles – could be at risk of being reapportioned out of the Seventh Congressional District, depending on which congressional district is eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities and surrounding areas of Lafayette and Lake Charles have historically shared communities of interest such as wetlands issues, hurricane protection, and economic diversity, and should remain intact within the Seventh Congressional District in the final reapportionment plan.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF CALCASIEU, LOUISIANA, in Regular Session convened on the 6th day of January, 2011, that it does hereby request the House and Senate Governmental Affairs Committees to ensure that the current areas within the Seventh Congressional District remain intact in the final reapportionment plan.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honorable Rick Gallot, Chairman of the House and Governmental Affairs Committee, The Honorable Robert "Bob" Kostelka, Chairman of the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee, all members of the Southwest Louisiana Legislative Delegation, and the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

THUS PASSED AND ADOPTED by a unanimous vote on the date above inscribed.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CALCASIEU