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TOWN OF IOWA

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February 18, 2011

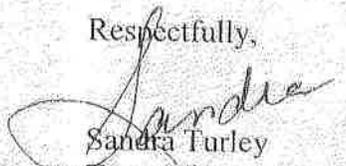
Joe Hill
Office of Rep. Boustany
One Lakeshore Drive
Suite 1775
Lake Charles, LA 70629

Dear Mr. Hill:

Enclosed is the Town of Iowa's Resolution concerning the Seventh District. Since she has a schedule conflict on February 22nd, she will not be able to attend the 'Town Hall' meeting to be held at the Lake Charles Civic Center.

Mayor Ponthieux thanks you for your offer of presenting the Town's Resolution at that meeting. Please present on our behalf. If the officials have any questions, she can be contacted at her office and that the Town is very concerned that our area remains connected to the Seventh District.

Respectfully,


Sandra Turley
Town of Iowa Clerk

RESOLUTION 2011-01

WHEREAS, 2011 will be a very important year for Southwest Louisiana as the State of Louisiana will be conducting it decennial reapportionment of congressional representative districts; and

WHEREAS, With a projected stagnate change in population in our State, in all likelihood Louisiana will lose a congressional district ; and

WHEREAS, Depending on which congressional district that is eliminated, we in Southwest Louisiana could be at risk of being reapportioned out of the Seventh Congressional District, which is composed of the areas of south central and southwest Louisiana, which includes the municipalities of Lafayette, Lake Charles, Westlake, Sulphur, Vinton, DeQuincy and Iowa; and

WHEREAS, These areas of our state share various interest such as the agricultural industry, petrochemical industry, deepwater ports, southern culture, Gulf Coast hurricane protection, coastline preservation and the I-10 Industrial Corridor; and

WHEREAS, It is because of these factors that these areas of the state should remain intact within the Seventh Congressional District in the final reapportionment plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, in regular session convened do hereby request that the House and Senate Governmental Affairs Committees ensure that the Seventh Congressional District remain intact in the final reapportionment plan which must be in place by 2012.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of February 2011.

Carol Ponthieux

Carol Ponthieux, Mayor

ATTEST:
Sandra Turley

Sandra Turley, Town Clerk