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ACADIANA DELEGATION ELECTS OFFICERS

The Acadiana Legislative Delegation announced the election of officers for 2008-2009.

Officers are: Representatives Jonathan Perry of Kaplan, Chairman; Simone Champagne of Jeanerette, Vice Chairman; and Regina Ashford Barrow of Baton Rouge, Secretary-Treasurer.

As chairman, Perry appointed six delegation members to serve with the officers on the executive committee. They are Senators Reggie Dupre of Houma, and Mike Michot of Lafayette; and Representatives Bobby Badon of Carencro, Elbert Guillory of Opelousas, Chuck Kleckley of Lake Charles, and Karen St. Germain of Pierre Part.

Perry said the officers have pledged to work together and with state agencies and local governing authorities to assure quality representation for the people of Acadiana.

The delegation membership includes legislators from the 22 parish cultural area of Louisiana known as "Acadiana."

Perry also said that, "Working together helps us to promote our area and improve the conditions and objectives we share. As a group we command more attention and have a stronger voice in deliberations on the House floor than we would individually. This makes us more effective as legislators and enables us to do a better job for our constituents."

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The delegation was formed in 1979. It is composed of 34 representatives and 13 senators.

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