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REPRESENTATIVE LANCE HARRIS TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN DELEGATION

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA -- State Representative Lance Harris (R-Alexandria) has been elected to serve as chairman of the House Republican Legislative Delegation for remainder of the 2012-2016 legislative term. Elected without opposition, Representative Harris will begin serving as chairman effective immediately. He will succeed former House Republican Delegation Chairman Tony Ligi who has stated he will resign from the Legislature in the near future to serve as the executive director and legal counsel for the Jefferson Business Council.

Representative Harris serves the 25th House District which includes a portion of Alexandria and encompasses all of Rapides Parish. Although only in his first term serving in the House of Representatives, Harris is a member of the influential House Appropriations Committee. He also serves on the House committees on Commerce, Health and Welfare, Labor and Industrial Relations, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. Prior to being elected to the Legislature, Representative Harris founded and now operates many successful businesses in the Alexandria area.

"I am honored to serve as chairman of the House Republican Legislative Delegation," Harris said. "As I always have, I will work to obtain economic prosperity, while upholding conservative values. We have a strong Delegation of members, and we are ready to face the hard work ahead of us."