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WOMEN'S CAUCUS TO HOLD RALLY Program to Remember Victims of Serial Killer

State Rep. Yvonne Dorsey Welch, Chairperson of the Committee on Combating Violence Against Females and the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus will sponsor a program of prayer and remembrance beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9. The program will take place on the Capitol steps for the victims of the South Louisiana serial killer and his apprehension. This time will also be used to reinforce the message that the community, particularly women, must continue to be alert and vigilant.

Guests include Governor Mike Foster, community leaders and families of the victims. Area clergy will participate and share spiritual messages. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

At noon that day citizens statewide are being asked to pause for a unified moment of prayer. The caucus also requests that churches statewide ring their bells at that time in remembrance.

The Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus launched a statewide initiative in February to target the growing problem of violence against females which includes the SAVE (Stay Alert and Vigilant...Everywhere) Fund. The fund offers a monetary reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the South Louisiana serial killer. The caucus has also sponsored billboards, brochures, and person-to-person campaigns to ensure that women are reminded to stay alert at all times against the threat of the serial killer.