WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of State Representative, District 26, Parish of Rapides, due to the resignation of Rep. HALL, effective on December 2, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:601 provides that such vacancy shall be filled by special election called by the Speaker of the House.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Taylor F. Barras, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana issue this notice, call, and proclamation for a special primary and special general election to be held throughout the jurisdiction of Representative District 26, Parish Rapides, for the purpose of electing a State Representative.

Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file the notice of candidacy, accompanied either by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form and under the procedures and conditions provided by Subpart B of Part IV of Chapter 5, or any other applicable provision, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, during the period commencing on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 and ending at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 11, 2019.

The election herein called, noticed, and provided for and proclaimed shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, being Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

I hereby fix the date of the primary election for Saturday, February 23, 2019, and the date for the general election for Saturday, March 30, 2019, at the times and places, and in the manner prescribed by law.

Accordingly, I now authorize, request, direct, and empower the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Elections, the Parish Board of Election Supervisors for the Parish of Rapides, the Clerk of Court for the Parish of Rapides, the Registrar of Voters for the Parish Rapides and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty, or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of Representative District 26, Parish of Rapides, to exercise every lawful function, do every act necessary to conduct elections, cause the returns thereof to be made, and in general, to perform all related and incidental functions necessary to canvass and proclaim the results thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Seal of the House of Representatives, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this ___ day of ___ NOVEMBER __, 2018.

Taylor F. Barras
Speaker of the House of Representatives

ATTEST BY
THE CLERK

Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives