WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of State Representative, District 40, Parish of St. Landry, due to the resignation of Donald R. Cravins, Jr., effective on November 17, 2006; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE I, Joe R. Salter, 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 40, Parish of St. Landry, 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 10, 2007 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2007.

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 24, 2007, and the date for the general election for Saturday, March 31, 2007, 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, the Clerk of Court for the Parish of St. Landry, the Registrar of Voters for the Parish of St. Landry and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty, or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of Representative District 40, Parish of St. Landry, 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 promulgate 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, 2006.

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Joe R. Salter
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives