

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ADDITIONAL STATE LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION FOR THE PARISH OF LAFAYETTE

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WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature is called into special session between March 20, 2011 and April 13, 2011 to consider state legislative redistricting among other related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Lafayette is experiencing robust, and record setting economic expansion across all sectors; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Lafayette is the energy, transportation, technology, healthcare, entertainment, retail, finance, real estate, manufacturing, legal, education and construction center of the region; and

WHEREAS, the overall population of Lafayette Parish has grown by 16.4 percent since 2000; and

WHEREAS, the population growth of Lafayette Parish has been by legitimate, healthy means and not by social migration from neighboring parishes; and

WHEREAS, projected growth for Lafayette Parish is for continued and sustained growth; and

WHEREAS, the established principles which govern redistricting of <u>state legislative districts</u> include meaningful representation, commonality of interests, and contiguity,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Directors of the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the Board called February 22, 2011, that the Chamber does hereby declare that in the redrawing of legislative districts by the Louisiana Legislature give preference and priority to creating five (5) House of Representative districts and two (2) Senate seats composed of a majority of Lafayette Parish residents.

Flo Meadows, Chairman of the Board

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Rob Guidry, President/CEO