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HOUSE MEMBERS PARLE FRANCAIS

At the invitation of state Rep. Jack Montoucet, members of the House of Representatives had the opportunity this morning to attend French class.

The class, which was taught by Jane Chandler, Assistant Director of Development and Outreach, International Programs at LSU, was the first of several lessons which will be offered during the legislative session.

Montoucet said he thinks it is important for members to experience the French language.

"I was pleased to see so many fellow members make the effort to attend this early morning (7:30 a.m.) class. The French language is important because of the Acadiana region and its people but also because of the role it has played in our history and our culture. It is important for the members to understand our area of the state, who we are, and what we stand for. "

Montoucet also pointed out that the state hosts numerous tourists from French-speaking countries each year. Representing more than \$100 million annually, French tourism is one of our state's largest economic engines.

Classes will be held beginning at 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday throughout the legislative session.

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