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Congress

To: Louisiana Joint Governmental Affairs Committees
From: Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce
Date: March 15, 2011
RE: Congressional District

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Based upon a series of community meetings and Chamber Division meetings, this resolution is submitted by the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce to the Louisiana Joint Governmental Affairs Committees, requesting that based upon the increase in population below the 31°Latitude of the State and the economics of the southern region of the state, due consideration be give to additional congressional representation of this area.

Resolution

An extract of the minutes of the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce, New Iberia, Louisiana, taken at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on March 9, 2011. A motion was made by Reid Sellers. Second Terrel Dressel. Motion passed with one abstention.

WHEREAS, the State Legislature will be going into special session between March 20, 2011 and April 13, 2011 and will be dealing with reapportionment issues involving legislative and federal districts among other related matters and it has been determined that the State of Louisiana will lose one of its seven congressional districts;

Whereas, the southern region of the state is the most densely populated region of the state with five of the six largest parishes in the State are south of latitude lines of 31°North;

Whereas, the southern region of the state is the most densely populated region of the state with five of the six fastest growing communities are south of latitude lines of 31° North;

Whereas, the southern region of the state is tightly linked with transportation routes including the I-10/ I-12 /future I-49 energy corridors;

Whereas, the southern region of the state has historically shared a strong community of interest in terms of socioeconomics in many vital areas including but not limited to education, oil and gas production and exploration and support services, similar agricultural crops and farming, petrochemical processing and productions, ports and waterway, coastal restoration and protection issues, the Intracoastal Waterway, as well as strong familial and cultural connections which are reflected in the local customs related to food, music, sports and shared support for regional social activities;

Whereas, additional Congressional representation in the southern region of the state ensures effective representation for the region and economic growth for the entire State;

Therefore be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce, do hereby request additional Congressional representation for the southern region of the state.