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LLBC Commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Today, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 turns 50, and its impact on the legal, education, economic, and social systems of the United States are immeasurable. Chairwoman State Representative Katrina R. Jackson and the 31 members of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus recognize that the path to enactment proved difficult, yet with excellent leadership and bipartisan cooperation, one of the most significant legislative accomplishments in our nation's history took place.

The quest for racial equality did not end with the Civil War, the Civil Rights Act or the election of our first African-American president. We must therefore continue to honor the work of our ancestors and be the leaders for social justice for the next fifty years and beyond.

The LLBC advocates for all to strive to fulfill the ideal that, "...All men are created equal," to create and advance a just society. We are a better nation because of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and we are hopeful the days of passing historic legislation that improves the lives of all Americans are not in the past.

Established in 1977, the primary purpose of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus is to raise the quality of life for those underrepresented, the indigent and working people through legislation, education and economic development.

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