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The LLBC Observes the 10th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina

Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus observes and remembers the 10th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina with the citizens of Louisiana, recalling the lives lost and those impacted by one of the most tragic events in U.S. history. Today, we observe and reflect on the 10th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina and the effects of the ongoing recovery from its aftermath -- dilapidated houses, abandoned neighborhoods, deteriorating health, mental health issues, school closings, and joblessness.

Ten years later after the breaking of the levees and the massive flooding the Louisianans who live in the City of New Orleans have overcome insurmountable challenges and have displayed a tenacious resilience. Although the population has significantly decreased, New Orleanians are dedicated and committed to revitalizing, rebuilding and restoring their families, city infrastructure, schools, homes, and tourist attractions.

For many, the 10th Anniversary serves as a twofold reminder of what was lost and, more importantly, what was gained. Although a lot of damage occurred with the loss of loved ones, homes, personal possessions, community and, for some, a sense of purpose, yet New Orleanians are still Louisiana proud. The resilience and tenacity of the people of New Orleans reflect the vitality of the city that will regain its momentum and be the thriving landmark that it once was before the storm.

In recognition of the 10th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Mayor Mitch Landrieu of New Orleans has partnered with more than 100 organizations, faith-based entities, college students, corporations, and individual residents in implementing a comprehensive Citywide Day of Service in an effort to support volunteerism and community resilience to revitalize the city of New Orleans.

The LLBC celebrates the vitality and rebuilding of the great city of New Orleans.

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