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**REPUBLICAN DELEGATION WELCOMES
SENATOR NORBY CHABERT
TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY**

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA -Today Senator Norby Chabert, Houma, has announced his switch to the Republican Party. A member of a well-known political family in Terrebonne Parish his father Leonard J. Chabert and his brother Marty Chabert both held the Senate seat he currently holds.

Senator Danny Martiny, chairman of the Senate Delegation, welcomes Senator Chabert to the Republican Delegation, noting that he is the fourth Democrat to switch parties in the last five months in the State Senate. With this switch, the Republican majority in the Senate now stands at 22 to 17 Democrats.

"Senator Chabert represents a vital and important area of our state, our coastal region. He is a dedicated advocate of coastal restoration and serves as vice-chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources," noted Senator Martiny. "Senator Chabert has been a leader in combating the BP oil spill crisis which has threatened our very way of life in coastal Louisiana. He was instrumental in scheduling hearings concerning the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in an effort to protect the economic and environmental well-being of our citizens and coastal communities."

Senator Chabert was elected to the State Senate in a special election in 2009. In addition to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, he serves on the Senate Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs and Judiciary B. He is also chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Vocational and Technical Education and is a member of the Select Committee on Coastal Restoration and Flood Control.

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