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REPRESENTATIVE NITA RUSICH HUTTER SELECTED FOR LEADERSHIP SEMINAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

State Representative Nita Rusich Hutter, District 104, is one of 22 emerging state leaders from across the South selected for the upcoming annual Leadership Seminar for Southern Legislators at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The annual legislators' seminar has three objectives which are to spotlight trends and issues in the states of the South; connect lawmakers with scholars, researchers and other informed sources; and draw on the humanities to probe moral and social values and provide broad historical and cultural perspectives. More than 100 legislators from across the region have taken part in this seminar series since 1998.

Representative Hutter currently sits on the House Committees of Transportation, Highways and Public Works and Health and Welfare. She is the Chair of the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus. From the beginning of her political career, she has been involved in many organizations to enhance the quality of life in St. Bernard Parish. Representative Hutter is the founder of the Art in April Festival and the St. Bernard Battered Women's Shelter Walk/Run Benefit. As a Representative, she initiated a one-day seminar entitled "Celebrate St. Bernard" in which she brings state and federal agencies to join with local government to offer personal assistance to Parish residents. Representative Hutter took the lead on another event entitled "Unity in the Community" which focused on developing a unified economic development strategy among elected and appointed officials, and the local business community. She is an active board member on the St. Bernard Parish Battered Women's Shelter and a former governing board member at Chalmette Medical Center. She is also a member of the Kiwanis Club and a former board member of the St. Bernard Sports Hall of Fame.