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WOMEN'S CAUCUS ANNOUNCES 2012 OFFICERS

Baton Rouge, Louisiana—The Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus announced its officers for the 2012 Regular Session. Sen. Karen Carter Peterson, District 5-New Orleans, has been elected to lead the 16-member group of women legislators. She was also recently named as chair of the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children.

As chair of the Women's Caucus, Sen. Peterson will lead the women legislators in enacting and monitoring policies and legislation which impact women and their interests, including budgetary and fiscal measures, business, crime, protecting children, economic development, education, strengthening families, health care and jobs. With the absence of women and their contributions on key and critical legislative committees, the Women's Caucus will diligently work to build coalitions, strategically and actively engage in floor debate and launch calculated and coordinated advocacy strategies to pass measures which help women, children and families.

The full slate of Women's Caucus officers is as follows:

- Sen. Karen Carter Peterson-Chair
District 5-New Orleans, Louisiana
- Sen. Yvonne Dorsey-Colomb-Senate Vice Chair
District 14-Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Rep. Regina Ashford Barrow -House Vice Chair
District 29-Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Sen. Sharon Weston Broome-Immediate Past Chair
District 15-Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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- Rep. Katrina Jackson-Secretary
District 16-Monroe, Louisiana
- Rep. Ledricka Johnson Thierry -Treasurer
District 40-Opelousas, Louisiana
- Rep. Nancy Landry-Parliamentarian
District 31-Lafayette, Louisiana
- Rep. Barbara Norton-Member at Large
District 3-Shreveport, Louisiana

Their term ends June 30, 2012.

The Louisiana Legislative Women’s Caucus is comprised of the women in the Louisiana Legislature, whose collective mission is to: (1) prepare the next generation of women leaders and (2) serve as the premiere voice and leading monitor of issues, legislation and policies, which impact women. Since the election of the first woman to the Louisiana Legislature in 1936, women elected to the legislature have increased dramatically in strength and influence. There are presently 16 women who serve in both the Louisiana Senate and the Louisiana House of Representatives combined.

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