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### **Legislative Rural Caucus Announces 2026-27 Officers**

BATON ROUGE, La. – The Louisiana Legislative Rural Caucus elected its 2026-27 officers, selecting Representative Jason DeWitt (R- Boyce) as Chairman. Additionally, the caucus announces Representative John Wyble (R-Franklin) as Vice Chair and Representative Beryl Amedee (R-Houma) as Secretary/Treasurer.

“I’m honored to have the trust of my colleagues to serve as Chairman of the Rural Caucus,” said Rep. DeWitt. “Rural Louisiana is the backbone of our state – from agriculture and forestry to energy and manufacturing. As Chairman, I’m committed to making sure our communities have a strong voice at the Capitol and the resources they need to grow and thrive.”

“Rural communities shouldn’t be an afterthought,” DeWitt added. “We’re going to be proactive, organized, and focused on delivering real results for the people who live and work in these areas.

The Legislative Rural Caucus’ Executive Committee for the 2026-2027 term includes:

Senator Eddie Lambert (R-Gonzales)

Representative Jerome “Zee” Zeringue (R- Houma)

Representative Rodney Schamerhorn (R-Hornbeck)

Representative Chance Henry (R-Crowley)

Representative Vincent “Vinney” St. Blanc, III (R-Franklin)

Representative Kimberly Coates (R-Ponchatoula)

Senator Bill Wheat (R-Ponchatoula)

The Rural Caucus, founded in 1979, consists of 76 members of the Legislature and is the largest regional organization at the Capitol.

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