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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## The Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus Elects Officers

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, January 8, 2013—The Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus elected its officers for 2013-2014. On February 1, the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus welcomes: State Representative Katrina Jackson of Monroe, District 16, elected as chairwoman of the caucus. Other members who were elected includes Representatives Ed Price of Gonzales- District 58, vice chairman; Wesley Bishop of New Orleans- District 99, first vice chairman; Barbara Norton of Shreveport- District 3, secretary; Ledricka Thierry of Opelousas-District 40, treasurer; Vincent Pierre of Lafayette- District 44, parliamentarian; Roy Burrell of Shreveport- District 2, sergeant-at-arms and Senator Troy Brown of Napoleonville- District 2, Senate Whip. Representative Patrick Jefferson of Arcadia- District 11 was appointed as chaplain.

Chair-Elect Katrina Jackson stated "It is my sincere honor and privilege to be elected by my colleagues to lead the LLBC. This is an amazing path to take as once a staff member of the House of Representatives, then as the executive director of the LLBC and now as the chair. I do not take lightly this charge and will use all of my experience, knowledge, and God-given wisdom to uphold and further the longstanding mission of the LLBC."

Outgoing Chairwoman, State Representative Patricia Smith, shared "It has been a pleasure to have served as the caucus chair for the past two terms. I look forward to supporting Representative Katrina Jackson as a member of her executive team and assisting in any means of moving our caucus forward.

All terms for elected officers of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus begins February 1, 2013 through December, 2013. An installation ceremony is being planned during the LLBC retreat to be held in New Orleans, January 27-30, 2013.