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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **HOUSE VOTE (HB71) TURNS CLOCK BACK ON RACE RELATIONS IN LOUISIANA**

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana.** Today the House of Representatives voted to usurp local government authority and decision making power. It was done under the guise of celebrating war heroes, but exposed a deep-rooted belief in White supremacy and racial divisiveness.

Today's vote was a disgrace for the Louisiana House of Representatives and the great state of Louisiana.

The Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus will host a press conference at 9 o'clock a.m. tomorrow in the State Capitol Rotunda.

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*Established in 1977, the primary purpose of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus is to raise the quality of life for those underrepresented, the indigent and working people through legislation, education and economic development.*

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