



LOUISIANA  
LEGISLATIVE  
BLACK CAUCUS

**CHAIRPERSON**  
SEN. JAMES "JIMMY" HARRIS, III  
New Orleans, District 4  
**VICE CHAIRPERSON**  
REP. BARBARA W. CARPENTER  
Baton Rouge, District 63  
**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE CHAIRPERSON**  
REP. PATRICIA "PAT" MOORE  
Monroe, District 17  
**HOUSE WHIP**  
REP. RODNEY LYONS, SR.  
Harvey, District 87  
**SECRETARY**  
REP. EDMOND JORDAN  
Baton Rouge, District 29  
**TREASURER**  
REP. CANDACE N. NEWELL  
New Orleans, District 99  
**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**  
REP. KENNY R. COX  
Natchitoches, District 23  
**PARLIAMENTARIAN**  
REP. VINCENT J. PIERRE  
Lafayette, District 44  
**CHAPLAIN**  
SEN. REGINA A. BARROW  
Baton Rouge, District 15  
**IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR**  
REP. RANDAL L. GAINES  
LaPlace, District 57

**SENATORS**  
GERALD BOUDREAUX  
Lafayette, District 24  
JOSEPH BOUIE, JR.  
New Orleans, District 3  
TROY CARTER  
New Orleans, District 7  
KAREN CARTER PETERSON  
New Orleans, District 5  
CLEO FIELDS  
Baton Rouge, District 14  
KATRINA R. JACKSON  
Monroe, District 34  
EDWARD J. "ED" PRICE  
Gonzales, District 2  
GREGORY W. TARVER, SR.  
Shreveport, District 39

**REPRESENTATIVES**  
KENDRICKS "KEN" BRASS  
Vacherie, District 58  
MARCUS BRYANT  
New Iberia, District 96  
GARY M. CARTER, JR.  
New Orleans, District 102  
WILFORD CARTER, SR.  
Lake Charles, District 34  
ROYCE DUPLESSIS  
New Orleans, District 93  
CEDRIC B. GLOVER  
Shreveport, District 4  
KYLE M. GREEN, JR.  
Marrero, District 83  
JASON HUGHES  
New Orleans, District 100  
EDWARD C. "TED" JAMES, II  
Baton Rouge, District 101  
PATRICK O. JEFFERSON  
Homer, District 11  
SAM L. JENKINS, JR.  
Shreveport, District 2  
C. TRAVIS JOHNSON  
Vidalia, District 21  
FREDRICK DOUGLAS JONES  
Bastrop, District 16  
ED LARVADAIN, III  
Alexandria, District 26  
C. DENISE MARCELLE  
Baton Rouge, District 61  
DUSTIN MILLER  
Opelousas, District 40  
TAMMY T. PHELPS  
Shreveport, District 3  
LARRY SLDERS  
Baton Rouge, District 67  
MATTHEW WILLARD  
New Orleans, District 97

## PRESS RELEASE

April 2, 2020



POST OFFICE BOX 44003  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70804  
(225) 342-7342  
FAX: (225) 342-0364  
email: caucusb@legis.la.gov  
www.llbc.louisiana.gov

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Chairman: Senator James "Jimmy" Harris, III  
Executive Director: Cynthia Buggage  
(225) 342-7342 Office • (225) 376-5940 Fax

## The LLBC Mourns the Passing of the Legendary Jazz Pianist Ellis Marsalis

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana.** The Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus (LLBC), mourns the passing of legendary and icon Ellis Marsalis due to pneumonia complications. Born on November 14, 1934 - Mr. Ellis Louis Marsalis Jr. a born and raised native of New Orleans, Louisiana and would go on to become one of the world's greatest and notable jazz pianists, musicians, teachers and mentors of all time.

LLBC Chairman, State Senator Harris says, "that on behalf of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus we pay tribute to the many notable contributions of legendary icon and jazz musician Ellis Marsalis. He will truly be missed but remembered for his musical talents and contribution(s) to the city of New Orleans and internationally."

Mr. Marsalis earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Dillard University, New Orleans in 1955 and taught at Xavier University Preparatory School. Mr. Marsalis also earned a Master's Degree in Music Education from Loyola University in New Orleans and led the jazz studies program at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts for high school students.

During his timeless and spanning musical career Mr. Marsalis gained national acclaim for his devotion to traditional jazz. As a New Orleans native Mr. Marsalis was very instrumental in giving back to his community and mentoring underserved children, youth and musicians. Mr. Marsalis founded the Ellis Marsalis Center (the "Center") located in the 9<sup>th</sup> ward to create a safe and positive atmosphere for underserved children and youth to develop their musical, academic and social talents. The center also delivers strategic assistance and tools to Village musicians that can enhance their professional growth and opportunities for musicians throughout the city of New Orleans. Through the "Center" the musical vision of Ellis Marsalis will continue to live on for decades to come.

We encourage everyone to keep the Marsalis family in your prayers during this difficult time.

###

*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.*