

THANK YOU

from SENATOR ROB MARIONNEAUX

When I first ran for the House of Representatives in 1995 I promised to always fight for you in the Louisiana State Legislature... to provide our children with the best education possible, honor our veterans, lower taxes for working families, toughen ethic laws and preserve our quality of life. During my service as both a State Representative and State Senator for District 17, I've done my best to stay true to those promises and put the people of our area ahead of the politics at the Capitol. Over the years, by working together, we've been able to accomplish several victories that deserve recognition. By listening to your concerns, and working together, I've been able to accomplish several victories over the years as lead author on the following issues:

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- ★ In 2006, Senate Bill 742, Louisiana's Clean Indoor Air Act cleared away the smoke from workplaces, public places and restaurants so Louisiana families wouldn't be exposed to harmful second-hand smoke while trying to enjoy a meal or while trying to making a living.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE

- ★ In 2007, Senate Bill 158, Louisiana's Military Family Relief Act, which provides death (\$250,000) or disability (\$100,000) benefits to the families of service members who are killed or injured in the line of duty.

TAX RELIEF FOR FAMILIES

- ★ In 2007, Senate Bill 3, The Annual Sales Tax Holiday spurred economic development for the state of Louisiana by approving no sales tax on items up to \$2,500 on the first Thursday and Friday of August.
- ★ In 2009, Senate Bill 52 created a new sales tax holiday in Louisiana. The Annual Louisiana Second Amendment Weekend Holiday for purchases of firearms, ammunition and hunting supplies. The sales tax holiday runs from Friday-Sunday after Thanksgiving.

EDUCATION

- ★ In 2007, Senate Bill 45, grants an individual income tax deduction for elementary and secondary education tuition for monies expended to send their children to private or parochial schools.
- ★ And in 2010, Senate Bill 420 reduced the number of the Iberville Parish School Board from 15 members to 9 members starting with the next election in 2014.

I would also like to mention one fight that we were not able to win. I repeatedly filed legislation to repeal the income tax on Louisiana businesses and individuals. The state could have paid for this tax break by ending many of the billions of dollars in tax exemptions currently enjoyed by the wealthiest and most powerful corporate interests in our state. However, the special interests and their high priced lobbyists were able to defeat this legislation time and time again.

Representing you in the legislature has been the highest honor. My family and I will forever be grateful for the confidence you have bestowed in me over the years. We look forward to staying active in the community as we continue working to make Louisiana a great place to raise a family and grow a business.

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