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**REPUBLICAN DELEGATION WELCOMES
STATE REPRESENTATIVE SIMONE CHAMPAGNE
TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY**

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA - Representative Simone Champagne, Jeanerette, switched to the Republican Party on June 30, 2010. "We welcome Representative Champagne to the Republican Delegation," said Representative Jane Smith, co-chair of the Delegation.

"Simone is a conservative who is constantly assessing what is best for her district. She is honest, loyal, and courageous, and she stands up for what is right. This is a continuing sign of the shift in philosophy toward conservative principles across this state," noted Representative Smith.

Representative Champagne serves on the House Committees on Appropriations; Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs; Natural Resources and Environment, as well as the Joint Committee on the Budget and the House Executive Committee.

The addition of Representative Champagne brings the total membership of the Republican Legislative Delegation to 67 members, the largest ever in the history of the Delegation.

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June 30, 2010

Press Release

REP. CHAMPAGNE SWITCHES TO REPUBLICAN PARTY

JEANERETTE – District 49 State Representative Simone Champagne has switched her affiliation to the Republican Party.

A lifelong Democrat, Champagne became a registered Republican earlier this week at the Iberia Parish Registrar of Voters Office.

“My beliefs, like many of the people in my district, have always been more in line with the conservative side of the Democratic Party,” Champagne said. “Recent events, including the moratorium on deepwater drilling, have made me question if the national Democratic Party is really in touch with the people of District 49.”

“As I have consistently shown in the past, I will continue to work across party lines,” she said. “But I believe I can be a more effective legislator and get more accomplished for the people of District 49 from the Republican side of the aisle. I hope you understand and support me in this move.”

District 49 includes portions of Iberia and Vermilion parishes.

For more information, contact Rep. Champagne at 337-276-4916.