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**REPUBLICAN DELEGATION WELCOMES  
SENATOR "JODY" AMEDEE  
TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY**

**BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA** -Senator "Jody" Amedee, Gonzales, switched to the Republican Party on March 17, 2011. "We are pleased that Senator Amedee has joined our Delegation," said Senator Danny Martiny, Senate chair of the Delegation.

"Jody is the third Democrat to switch parties in the last five months in the State Senate. We do not believe he will be the last. This is a continuing sign of the shift in philosophy toward conservative principles across this state," noted Senator Martiny.

Senator Amedee was first elected to the Senate in 2003 and was unopposed in 2007. His Senate District 18 encompasses a large part of Ascension Parish as well as parts of Livingston, St. James and St. John Parishes, a rapidly growing area in south Louisiana. He is chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and also serves on the Committees on Environmental Quality, Senate and Governmental Affairs, and the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay as well as the Senate Select Committees on Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs.

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