

The 2021 Regular Legislative Session ran from April 12 through June 10. You may recall from the Spring Newsletter that the list of pre-filed retirement bills affecting TRSL was relatively short if you take prior years into consideration. However, this does not mean the session was met without controversy. (Cont. On page 2)



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One bill LRTA opposed was Senate Bill 22 by Senator Barrow Peacock. This bill proposed requiring all new hires after July 1, 2021 to work 40 years at age 62 or until age 67 to draw full retirement benefits. Although the bill did not have a direct impact on current retirees, we understand the impact raising the retirement eligibility age would have on the teaching profession. This bill would have affected the recruitment and retention of future teachers in Louisiana. LRTA opposed this bill through the Louisiana Public School Coalition, and the bill failed to pass.

The bill certainly drew attention from the public and the media. I would like to address some concerns regarding the Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) that came up during discussions of the bill. The UAL refers to the "debt" the state owes to fully fund the retirement system. Currently, the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana is 67.9 percent funded, up nearly 13.5 points since 2010. The UAL is designed to be paid off over a long period of time, similar to a 30-year home mortgage. While comparing the UAL of one retirement system to another is as effective as comparing apples to oranges, TRSL's financial position regularly ranks at the top for investment returns. The legislature has also made great strides to pay down the UAL, including passing legislation to make supplemental appropriations toward paying down the UAL (see more information on HB 516 by Rep. Jerome Zeringue on page 4). The state is constitutionally required to pay down the initial UAL by 2029, and the payments have been made consistently and on time since these reforms were put into place.

On the flip side of the equation, due to efforts to continue to pay down the UAL and implement good pension reforms, the last cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) awarded to all retired educators was 2016. Some good news is the retirement system is anticipating higher than expected returns on investments at the end of this fiscal year. Potentially, additional excess investment earnings could go into the Experience Account that funds COLAs. LRTA will continue to work with TRSL and legislators to advocate for a COLA for all retirees in the future. LRTA did support Senate Bill 24 by Senator Ed Price that will provide a "hardship" COLA to retirees living below the national poverty line. Retirees must meet certain requirements as outlined in the bill. This COLA will provide a modest supplement to retirees living below the national poverty line. Again, we will continue to work with TRSL and legislators to advocate for additional COLAs for all retirees as funds become available. Advocating for COLAs is a top legislative priority for LRTA.

Overall, the 2021 Regular Session saw fewer than usual bills in terms of retirement legislation that impacted TRSL or its retirees. However, we must remain vigilant. Because this was a fiscal session, legislators were limited on the number of non-fiscal bills they could file. We will continue to research, strategize and prepare for anything that could have a

detrimental effect on the retirees of Louisiana. Maintaining our current defined benefit plan and allowing the current pension reforms to work has consistently proved that our retirement plans continue to improve fiscally.

I look forward to sharing this information with you in-person or virtually at future meetings. We recently conducted a survey of our members to gauge their interest in meetings for fall of 2021. The results and our conclusions can be found on page 6. We will distribute an online survey to members again in August to see if we need to make adjustments to meeting plans. Based on early results from the survey, our plan is to move forward with a hybrid Fall Meeting in Baton Rouge in October. In-person attendance will be limited to the first 100 members who register. Members will also have the option to attend virtually. We will provide more details meeting about the including information to register in the next newsletter. Members of the LRTA Email Club will also receive email notification of the latest meeting information, so if you haven't done so already, join the Email Club today. We will also work with our District Presidents to offer virtual options for their meetings in the fall. See the full meetings schedule on the back cover of this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you all, whether it's at in-person or through virtual meetings. For now, save the date!

Rodney R. Watson

**LRTA Executive Director** 



Can you feel it? The gradual return to normalcy as though we are butterflies emerging from our cocoons? It won't be long until we can see each other and conduct meetings in person! I can't wait!

Once again, a legislative session has come and gone where LRTA has defended our current retirement plan and retirement system. Thanks to our advocacy efforts, LRTA successfully supported 24 through Senate Bill legislative process during the Regular Legislative Session. Prior to the session ending, the governor signed the bill into law, which will provide a "hardship" COLA to certain retirees who meet the criteria listed in the law and are living below the poverty level. Also, through our participation in the Louisiana Public School Coalition, we were effective in opposing Senate Bill 22 which would have increased the retirement age for newly hired teachers after July 1, 2021. And we were prepared but did not see any further attacks on our defined benefit plan, plans for a constitutional convention or removal of our retiree state income tax exemption. Any time we are able to defend our current retirement plan and retirement system and keep our retirement benefits intact makes for a successful legislative session.

After one year in office, I finally was able to preside over our Spring Meeting! Some members of the Executive Committee. all vaccinated, met at the LRTA office and conducted the Executive Board meeting via Zoom with our members. Although not the same as an in-person meeting, of course, it did allow us to conduct business with the board and to see presentations by TRSL and AMBA as well as discussions regarding our legislative priorities. It was great to be able to discuss important items with you this way. For those who couldn't attend, you can see videos on our YouTube channel, https:// bit.ly/LRTAYouTube.

As I mentioned earlier, it won't be long until we start meeting in person again. Recently, LRTA conducted a survey to get an idea of how we may conduct our meetings in the fall. At the writing of this article, restrictions are being lifted but we really don't know where we will be pandemic-wise come the fall. According to the survey results, the majority of respondents felt comfortable with a combination virtual/in-person meeting. Our plan for the LRTA Fall Meeting is for the Executive Board to meet inperson with a limited number of members in attendance. This will be determined by state mandates and hotel limitations. District Presidents in collaboration with their District Officers will determine how their members will meet in the fall, whether it be all inperson, all virtual or a combination

of both. The LRTA staff will work with the District Presidents to coordinate arrangements and survey District members, if necessary. As always, the safety of our members is our primary concern.

We have been somewhat stymied in our membership recruitment, but we had a very successful drive via our newsletter and letters to retirees. Summer is the perfect time to recruit. Many teachers and school employees might decide to retire, particularly after this stressful year. Reach out to all the new retirees and invite them to join now. Once we're able to meet again, they'll fit right in!

I hope you all have a wonderful summer as we begin to emerge from this pandemic. We have lost loved ones and friends and many are feeling very alone. Check in on one another and be aware of others' needs. If I can be of any help, please feel free to contact me. I'm looking forward to my final year in office and to continuing to serve you.

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Janis M. Hernandez LRTA State President

2022 Regular Legislative Session

Begins March 14, 2022 and must end by June 6, 2022.

### **RECAP: 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Provided below is a list of bills that were pre-filed and/or introduced for consideration by the Legislature during the 2021 Legislative Session that potentially impacted you as a retired educator and/or your retirement system. The descriptions of the bills have been taken from the legislative text and digests.

The words in red are the positions of the LRTA Legislative Committee and Executive Board in accordance with the 2021 LRTA Legislative Priorities. The legislative session began on April 12 and ended on June 10, 2021.

### TRSL Membership

House Bill No. 22 by Rep. Jeremy Lacombe

- Present law provides that employees of the La. School Boards Assoc. are members of PERS.
- Proposed law provides that the following employees of the association are members of TRSL instead:
- (1) New employees (hired after June 30, 2021).
- (2) Any employee with at least five years of service credit in TRSL.
- (3) The director of the association.
- Proposed law provides that employees who do not fit one of these criteria remain members of PERS.

### LRTA Neutral, Sent to Governor

### Payments Toward UAL

House Bill No. 516 by Rep. Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

- Appropriates supplemental funding and provides for means of financing substitutions and other budgetary adjustments for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
- Additionally appropriates \$27,043,431 of State General Fund (Direct) of nonrecurring revenue out of the surplus from Fiscal Year 2019-20 for the Unfunded Accrued Liability in state retirement systems.

LRTA Supported, Sent to Governor and signed into law. Became Act No. 120

### Benefit Structure Changes-Retirement Eligibility

Senate Bill No. 22 by Senator Barrow Peacock

- Proposes to raise retirement eligibility age for certain members whose first employment makes them eligible for membership in a state retirement system on or after July 1, 2020, as follows:
- (1) five years of service at the greater of age 67 or "age of retirement set by the Social Security Administration";
- (2) 40 years of service at age 62; or
- (3) 20 years of service at any age but actuarially reduced from age 62

### LRTA Opposed, Failed to pass

### Minimum Permanent Benefit Increase

Senate Bill No. 24 by Senator Ed Price

- Provides a minimum benefit increase for certain retirees, beneficiaries, and survivors of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, and State Police Retirement System. This includes:
- Any retiree who on 6/30/21, meets the following criteria:
- (1) Has 30 or more years of service credit.
- (2) Has been retired for 15 years or more.

- (3) Receives a monthly retirement benefit of less than \$1,450 dollars.
- (4) Is at least 60 years of age.
- (5) Has neither participated in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) nor chosen the Initial Benefit Option (IBO).
- Proposed law provides that such increase shall be in the form of an increase to a retiree's or beneficiary's monthly benefit in an amount equal to the lesser of \$300 per month or the amount necessary to increase his monthly benefit to \$1,450

# LRTA Supported, Sent to the Governor and signed into law. Became Act No. 37

Members who have questions about eligibility for the benefit increase, please contact the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana at:

Phone: 225-925-6446

Toll free (outside Baton Rouge calling area): 1-877-275-8775

Email: web.master@trsl.org

#### WEP/GPO

House Concurrent Resolution No. 7 by Rep. Mike Johnson

• Memorializes congress to review and eliminate the provisions of federal law which reduce Social Security benefits for persons receiving pension from federal, state, or local government retirement systems by supporting H.B. 82 of the 117th Congress, the Social Security Fairness Act.

### LRTA Supported, Sent to Secretary of State

was taken.

### **Ethics**

House Bill No. 176 by Rep. Francis Thompson

- · Proposes to make the assessment of penalties for failure to file or failure to disclosure or accurately disclose information on a Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 2.1, and Tier 3 personal financial disclosure circumstances rather than mandatory and reduces the penalties for Tier 3 filers from \$50 to \$25 per day and from \$1500 to \$500 maximum.
- or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

### LRTA Monitored, Sent to Governor

### Funds/Funding

House Bill No. 417 by Rep. Barry Ivey

[Proposed Constitutional Amendment]

- The following are bills LRTA closely Proposes to revise Article VII of the providing mineral revenues to the monitored but on which no position Louisiana Constitution, which governs IUAL), and Section 26 (Revenue the Revenue and Finance of state Sharing). government.
  - technical revisions to certain portions ad valorem taxes, and sales & use taxes.
- TRSL receives 1% of ad valorem taxes collected on each parish's tax rolls (except Orleans). To the extent that proposed law would affect the statement optional under most collection of any ad valorem taxes, the • Would create the State Cybersecurity amounts remitted to TRSL could be affected.
- Article VII contains several sections and which impact retirement system • Effective upon signature of governor funding such as Section 9 (Deposit in cybersecurity needs. Treasury - exempting retirement funds from being deposited in the • Effective if enacted State Funds - providing nonrecurring November 8, 2022. revenues to the UAL and IUAL and protecting actuarially contributions in the event of a state mineral severance settlements/judgments, Section 10.16 Spring Newsletter. (Dedications of Mineral Revenues

- Proposed changes do not appear to • Would make substantive and substantively impact the retirement system provisions of the Article; of Article VII affecting income taxes, however, the entirety of the Article is included in the bill text offering opportunity for other, more substantive changes that could impact state funding in general and TRSL specifically.
  - and Information Technology Infrastructure Fund in the state treasury for the purposes of enhancing upgrading the state's infrastructure and supporting its
- through treasury), Section 10 (Expenditure of statewide election to be held on

### required LRTA Monitored, Failed to pass

deficit), Section 10.5 (Mineral Revenue Note: House Bill No. 35 by Rep. Charles and Settlement Fund - allowing Owen was withdrawn prior to appropriations to public retirement introduction. This bill was originally system UAL out of funds resulting listed with bills LRTA would monitor tax but not take position on in the 2021

### Has your email changed recently? Make sure to update it with the LRTA Email Club

Did you recently switch internet service providers? Or, did you originally sign up for the LRTA Email Club with an email address you no longer use? If you have not done so already, please update your email address in the LRTA Email Club. Here's how you can update your email address:

- 1. Go to https://bit.ly/EmailClubUpdate
- 2. Input your email address, name and street address.
- 3. Click the blue "Update" button.

Or, you may email info@lrta.net with the subject line "Update Email Adress" with your new email address.

Don't miss out on important updates, meeting information and more!

## Meetings of the FUTURE

The pandemic forced meeting styles to change for many organizations, including LRTA and our Districts and local Units. Some local Units used the opportunity to branch out and try a new way of meeting with their members. "It was a convenient way to stay in touch with the officers and members who chose to participate," says Ann Verret, president of the Iberia Retired Teachers Association. "What we like about Zoom is that it enhances the virtual experience to provide actual interaction," says Eric Sacks, president of the St. Tammany Retired School Employees Association.

For LRTA Districts, virtual meetings became necessary to continue to conduct business. "I chose to use it (Zoom) for District Meetings because I participated in other LRTA meetings and it was so easy," District VII President Walter Rogers remarked. "A Zoom Conference for our Executive and District Meetings was important to actually see and hear to communicate on a greater level," says District II President Jerilyn Williams. "It was as 'normal' as we could get at the present time."



LRTA Executive Director Rodney Watson prepares for a Zoom meeting.

LRTA also transitioned to virtual meetings. The 2021 **LRTA Spring Meeting** completely virtual for members. We are pleased that able were provide the same quality information to our members, and we are proud of our

members who ventured out of their comfort zones to participate in the virtual meetings. Now, as the state continues to reopen, we must prepare for future meetings.

On May 4, LRTA distributed an online survey to gauge member interest in meetings for the fall. We asked members how comfortable they would feel attending an in-person meeting (with health and safety guidelines followed), a hybrid meeting (options to attend either inperson or virtually) and/or an all-virtual meeting. About 63 percent of respondents indicated they would be interested in participating in a hybrid meeting, an inperson meeting with the option to attend virtually. Of those respondents, 60 percent indicated they would attend virtually.

While there is a gradual transition back to in-person meetings, based on survey results, virtual meetings or options to attend meetings virtually are here to stay. For the Fall District Meetings, District Presidents in collaboration with their District Officers will decide which meeting style will be most appropriate for their members. For the LRTA Fall Meeting, we will host a oneday, hybrid meeting at a hotel venue in Baton Rouge. We will limit in-person attendance to the meeting to the first 100 who register and



(From left to right): Lazette Watterson, First Vice-President; Janis Hernandez, LRTA State President; and Clyde Hamner, Second Vice-President meeting for the 2021 LRTA Spring Meeting.

broadcast the meeting sessions live for those who choose to attend virtually. To find more information about the Fall District Meetings and LRTA Fall Meeting as it becomes available, please visit our website at: https://lrta.net/lrtameetings/. LRTA will continue to adapt and prepare to offer our members meeting options they are interested in.



LRTA Fall Meeting Date:

October 26, 2021 Venue TBD Baton Rouge, LA

Fall District Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, September 7: **District VIII** 

Wednesday, September 8: District XI

Thursday, September 9: District X

Friday, September 10: District IX

Wednesday, September 15: District III

Thursday, September 16: District II

Friday, September 17: District I

Tuesday, September 21: District VII

Wednesday, September 22: District VI

Thursday, September 23: **District V** 

Friday, September 24: District IV



We always say at LRTA the local Units are the backbone of the association. They support the state organization and the LRTA Districts. And, just as important, they support each other. The year 2020 presented challenges in more ways than one. Besides the COVID-19 pandemic, many of our members and local Units were impacted by an active hurricane season. Through this devastation our members remained resilient and lent a helping hand or shoulder to lean on when they could.

The Vermilion Retired Teachers Association, a local Unit in Vermilion parish, recognized the need of fellow retired teachers outside of their own LRTA District. Since 2009, the Vermilion RTA selects an organization each year to make monetary donations or other contributions to. The type of donations the Unit collects depends on the needs of the organization.

"Every year we do a community service project," said Mollie Charpentier, past president of Vermilion RTA. "Since Calcasieu-Cameron had such a bad situation last year, we decided to donate to them."

The Unit advertised the collection of donations in each newsletter and gathered donations at meetings. Over the course of a year, Vermilion RTA collected \$1,000 to donate. And, at a recent meeting, the Vermilion RTA decided to match up to \$500. Altogether, the Vermilion RTA donated \$1.500 to the Calcasieu-Cameron Retired Teachers Association.

"Our Lake Charles community is still struggling to get back to the 'way we were' before the storms," says Mary Margaret David, president of the Calcasieu-Cameron RTA. generous donation from Vermilion RTA will be a tremendous help to our members who have suffered so much. We deeply appreciate your much needed help and support."

Our members, local Units and LRTA Districts continue perform to community service even through retirement. Sometimes this service includes community members who forged similar paths.

"I am thrilled at the opportunity for retired educators to help one another," said Ann Hardy, incoming president of Vermilion RTA.

"This is a perfect example of LRTA units helping other units," says Mary Margaret David.



Outgoing Vermilion RTA Officers (from left to right): President, Mollie Charpentier; Vice-President, Daniel Duhon; Secretary, Carolyn Savoy; and Acting Treasurer, Beverly Suire.



Incoming Vermilion RTA Officers (from left to right): Treasurer, Henrietta Garber; Vice-President, Betty Girouard; President, Ann Hardy; and Secretary, Carolyn Savoy.



Calcasieu-Cameron RTA Officers: President, Mary Margaret Davis; 1st Vice-President, Joan Vallee-Retke; 2nd Vice-President, Stephanie Rodrigue; Secretary, Elizabeth Richard; and Treasurer, Linda Finley.

### Calling LRTA Members of District IX



If you are a member of LRTA and reside in East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland, Tensas or West Carroll parishes, please consider running for president of LRTA District IX. District presidents are eligible to serve on the LRTA Executive Board and conduct District meetings. You must be a current, dues-paying member of LRTA in order to run for District President. For more information about the position or to submit a nomination, contact Freddy Rivers at rayvillekappa@yahoo.com.

### **LRTA RECEIVES 2021 WE CARE GRANT**

The Louisiana Retired Teachers Association is the recipient of the 2021 We Care Grant through the National Retired Teachers Association. NRTA is considered the retired education community of AARP. NRTA will provide grants up to \$5,000 to retired educator associations through June 30, 2021. These grants are available to retired educator associations across the country to support virtual member engagement. LRTA previously received the We Care Grant in 2020.

"We are excited to continue to partner with AARP so LRTA can continue to provide exceptional service to our members," says LRTA Executive Director Rodney Watson. "Technology has transformed how we operate as an organization. This grant will support our technology infrastructure so we can continue to provide virtual opportunities for members who are interested."

#### About AARP

AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence and nearly 38 million members, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to families: health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org.

#### **About NRTA**

NRTA: AARP's Educator Community empowers America's retired educator community to champion their financial and health security through advocacy, collaboration, information and advancing volunteer engagement. Founded in 1947 by retired educator Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, NRTA supports the nationwide network of Retired Educator Associations that represent the interests of more than 850,000 retired school personnel age 50+, including 51 state affiliates and more than 2,700 locals units.



### Don't Let This Be Your Last Newsletter!

Annual membership in LRTA runs from April 1 through March 31. This could be your last newsletter IF your \$30 dues for the 2021 - 2022 membership year (or \$12 for Associate Members) have not been paid. If you are uncertain about your membership status, contact the LRTA office at (225) 927-8837 or info@lrta.net.



On April 23, LRTA staff member Jennifer Tran received a Red Stick Award from the Public Relations Association of Louisiana - Baton Rouge Chapter. The Red Stick Awards competition recognizes industry professionals for communications/public relations projects from the previous year. Ms. Tran received a Red Stick Award for Audio/Visual Production for a series of videos for LRTA. Congratulations!



### Nominees for LRTA State Offices Requested

The January 2022 ballot will feature the election of LRTA President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President. The two-year terms of your newly-elected officers will begin when the successful candidates are installed in Spring 2022.

The LRTA Bylaws charge the Nominating Committee to nominate individuals for each statewide elected office. Suggestions for nominees are requested by the committee and should be forwarded to the LRTA office in Baton Rouge.

Prospective nominees must be LRTA members in good standing and must have agreed in advance to serve, if elected. A brief biographical sketch, including educational background, career experience, and honors, awards and involvement in retiree and community activities since retirement must be included for each nominated candidate. Note: Associate members of LRTA are not eligible to hold office, or to vote in LRTA elections.

Information on suggested nominees should be furnished to the committee on an LRTA Prospect Sheet, which may be obtained from any Nominating Committee member or by contacting the LRTA office. Qualifications of each suggested nominee should be prioritized due to space limitations. Suggested nominees should also furnish a recent color photo that may be published with their candidate information. Prospects for consideration by the Nominating Committee may be submitted by any LRTA member, including the prospect himself/herself.

The Nominating Committee looks forward to working with the LRTA membership to develop a slate of well-qualified candidates for LRTA's statewide elected offices that will be presented to the executive board in Fall 2021.

All prospective candidate information must be received in the LRTA office no later than August 19, 2021, but may be submitted at any time before that date. Prospect Sheets should be mailed to:

#### **LRTA**

Attn: Nominating Committee 9412 Common St., #5 Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Members of the LRTA Nominating Committee are:

Area A: Shannon Rahm Area B: Joseph Clyde Crooks Area C: James R. Broussard

Area D: Gayle Foster, Committee Chair

Area E: Jerilyn S. Williams

### **LRTA Foundation Donations**

Dr. and Mrs. James A. Taylor, Sr., in memory of: Walter Anderson, Joan Amos Lucky, Joyce F. Harris, Linda Porche, and Paul Vitrano.

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Laura N. Harper – Metairie
Beverly D. Harris – LaPlace
E. B. Heidingsfelder – Metairie
Henry J. Hoffman – Gretna
Norma L. Hughes – Reserve
Jean G. Kimball – River Ridge
Glynda L. Kittrell – Metairie
Lorraine R. Kleinpeter – Raceland
Carolyn D. LeBlanc – Napoleonville
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Joan A. Lucky – Luling Joan A. Lucky – Luling Ann C. Martin – Harahan

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Margaret S. Naquin – Thibodaux Yamuna Narayanan – Metairie Claudette Octave – Vacherie

District II

Willis A. Octave – St. James
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Linda Petersen – Gretna
Beth E. Randell – Metairie
Elizabeth H. Richardson – Metairie
Gloria D. Riley – St. Rose
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Hazel T. Stewart – Kenner
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Ward J. Trahan – Houma Ward J. Trahan – Houma Carol L. Winter – Marrero

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Christine D. Dobbs – Slidell
Elouise B. Doty – Independence
Fern Duhon – Denham Springs
Virginia W. Dupree – Mandeville
Jeanne D. Eason – Slidell
Acy C. Hartfield – Bogalusa
Vicki I. Hesson – Covington
Alice M. Horchoff – Mandeville
Nancy M. Hudson – Bush
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Mary C. Jabbia – Slidell
Rita A. Japp – Slidell
Lynda M. Jeansonne – Mandeville Rita A. Japp — Slidell
Lynda M. Jeansonne — Mandeville
Joseph R. Johnson — Mandeville
Jean H. Jordan — Robert
Janice F. Kerner — Folsom
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Charles A. Miller - Amite
Anthony T. Misita - Independence
Lorraine K. Moore - Mandeville
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