



## Representative Girod Jackson, III

Greetings,

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of the great citizens of District 87 for allowing me to represent you. As your elected State Representative for District 87, it is my desire to cut through the red tape and bridge the gap between you and the State Legislature. I am humbled by the trust and confidence that you have in me to serve you, and I will continue to do my best in representing you all.

As is stands, there are multiple issues facing our community today that has caused a change in our lifestyles. There are changes made daily within the state legislature that affect our citizens, businesses, families, and community organizations.

Communicating with constituents is an important part of my job. I encourage you to visit my website in its entirety at [www.repgjackson87.com](http://www.repgjackson87.com) and join my email list to receive the latest information. It is an honor and privilege to continue to serve the citizens of District 87.

Sincerely,

Girod Jackson, III  
State Representative

### LOCAL INTEREST

#### Manufacturing Biodiesel Fuels

The Jefferson Parish planned Endicott Biofuels facility has the potential to unlock Louisiana's vast resources of vegetable oils, used cooking oils, and waste animal and fish oils to produce valuable alternative diesel fuel--called biodiesel. Act 217 of the 2009 Regular Legislative Session authored by Representative Girod Jackson encourages and promotes the production of biodiesel in the state of Louisiana by encouraging restaurants to provide their waste fats, oil, and grease to biodiesel manufacturers. Each facility of the size Endicott is contemplating would employ over 125 construction workers for a year or more, and ~30 full time, well-paying jobs during operation. An economic study conducted by the University of New Orleans estimated that a facility such as this would create—directly and indirectly—164 new jobs in the region, and generate primary and secondary spending, as well as new direct and indirect earnings, of over \$23 million.

### LOCAL PROJECTS

Over \$19 Million in Local  
Projects for District 87

*\* Partial listing*

- 11th Street Roadway Replacement and Upgrade of Subsurface Drainage System
- B&C Canal Stabilization
- Brown Avenue Roadway and Canal Reconstruction
- Canal G. Bridge
- Maplewood Drive Subsurface Drainage Improvements
- Peters Road Improvements from Fourth Street to Engineers Road
- Upgrade and Evaluation of Sewer Force Mains on the West Bank of Jefferson Parish
- Elevated Northbound Manhattan Blvd On-Ramp
- Jefferson Community Health Center
- Jefferson Parish Housing Authority Street Lighting and Security Upgrade
- Marrero Community/Senior Center
- Peters Road and Engineers Road Walkertown Bus Terminal
- Walkertown Park and Ride Bus Facility – Jefferson Transit
- Woodmere Community Center
- Woodmere Non-Profit Incubator

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## 2009 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session Highlights include selected legislation passed during the 2009 Regular Legislative Session.

### □ HEALTH CARE

HB 890 limits the sale of certain cold medicines that can be used to make illegal drugs and classifies certain medicines as dangerous substances.

HB 517 allows medical providers to not participate in certain to patient-requested health care services, including abortion, stem cell research, human cloning, doctor assisted suicide, and euthanasia as long as the patients' health care is not compromised.

### □ EDUCATION

HB 612 / SB 259 requires the development of a high school curriculum that awards a new diploma based upon the successful completion of a career-based program.

The funding (MFP formula) dedicated to educating elementary and secondary education students was increased to \$3,855 per child.

HB 731 requires parents or guardians of habitually tardy or absent students to attend 40 hours of community or school service or 40 hours of court-appointed parenting classes.

### □ TAX RELIEF

SB 52 a "Second Amendment Weekend Holiday" beginning the first weekend in September that suspends the sales tax on the sale of firearms.

HB 106 authorizes an individual tax deduction from net capital gains.

SB 194 provides to companies tax credits for allowing their employees to take up to 4 hours of paid leave during the school year to attend school functions.

### □ LAW ENFORCEMENT / CRIME

HB 33 creates a Witness Protection Agency to protect witnesses involved in criminal activity.

HB 155 allows for the prosecution of negligent homicide or negligent injury if attacked by an animal whose owner was

reckless in restraining their animal.

HB 44 creates crime of reckless discharge of a firearm for firing a gun within 1,000 feet of a parade or public gathering.

HB 554 protects volunteers of disaster relief from being

civily liable for causing death or injury to a person unless the act was intentional or grossly negligent.

HB 620 prohibits persons from misrepresenting or filing false information to obtain payment from medical assistance programs.

HB 820 establishes the "Louisiana Omnibus Auto Theft Prevention and Recovery Act" to provide for improved tracking of dismantled or salvaged vehicles.

HB 755 allows for victims of child pornography to be entitled to exemplary damages from their abusers.

HB 445 provides for new penalties for DWI suspects who refuse a chemical/breathalyzer test.

HB 55 prohibits the use of external stereo speakers on a automobile.

### □ CONSUMER & SAFETY ISSUES

HB 439 creates the Louisiana Catfish Marketing Law which requires the country of origin of aquaculture products to be clearly displayed at retail and food service establishments.

HB 199 prohibits the sale of novelty cigarette lighters.

HB 372 requires all homes that are sold or leased to contain a sealed lithium battery smoke detector.

HB 551 creates the Seafood Safety Task Force and a public safety campaign to warn citizens about the risks of consuming Chinese seafood products.

HB 368 prohibits minors from purchasing or receiving tobacco products from self-service vending displays.

HB 725 require that motorists leave a safe distance of no less than three feet between the vehicle and bicycle.

### □ GOVERNMENTAL ISSUES

HB 784 requires the Department of Social Services to search the state registry of justified abuse or neglect before hiring employees.

HB 407 requires the Commissioner of Administration to establish a website concerning boards and commissions and to post notices, minutes, and statutory citations.

HB 520 allows Louisiana registered drivers to apply to register to vote through the Secretary of State's website.

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