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NEWS RELEASE

Ouachita Parish Delegation Heads to Washington D.C.

Monroe-Officials with the City of Monroe and the Monroe Chamber of Commerce will travel to Washington D.C. on Tuesday, January 21 to meet with members of the Louisiana congressional delegation and other federal government representatives. The trip is one that the Monroe Chamber makes every year to discuss long term community projects with elected officials and members of their Washington based staff.

The delegation includes Gretchen Ezernack and Kenneth Wilson with the Monroe City Council; John Landry with McNew, King, Mills, Burch and Landry and Chairman of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce; David Hampton with Progressive Bank and vice president of the chamber's governmental division; Tim Green with Allen, Green and Williamson and past-chairman of the Monroe Chamber; Sue Nicholson, president and CEO for the Monroe Chamber; and Lori Reneau, chamber executive vice president.

The group will meet with the congressional delegates and their staffs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. In addition, the assembly from Monroe will also meet with Rodney Slater, former Secretary of Transportation and partner of Squire Patton Boggs Law Firm, which serves as the chamber's Washington D.C. lobbying firm. Norma Krayem also with Squire Patton Boggs will meet with the Monroe group to review and advise on several area projects. In addition, the group will meet with officials at the US Chamber for an update on several federal issues.

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“This visit is important to keep the entire Louisiana Congressional delegation updated and informed about projects in Ouachita Parish,” said Nicholson. “We have to work in concert with the elected officials and their staffs in order to see progress. The discussions we have with the Congressional delegation will be about finding long term solutions for the development of our community,” she continued.

The group will return to Monroe on Friday following an Economic Development lunch, which is hosted by the Louisiana Metro Chambers of Commerce and Louisiana Economic Development.

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