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Lafayette Parish Democratic Executive Committee votes to endorse Mary Landrieu and Don Cravins, Jr.

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Last week at its regularly scheduled meeting the Lafayette Parish Democratic Executive Committee unanimously voted to endorse US Senator Mary Landrieu in her bid for re-election and endorsed State Senator Don Cravins, Jr. for his bid to unseat Republican Incumbent Dr. Charles Boustany, Jr.

Greg Dean
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“At this historic time in our country we could not be more pleased with our slate of candidates,” remarked Susannah Malbreaux, Vice Chairman of the LPDEC. She continued “where other Senators have fallen short – Senator Landrieu has consistently performed for this state and we are happy to throw our voice into the chorus of supporters for US Senator Mary Landrieu. And we could not ask for a better candidate than State Senator Don Cravins, Jr. Don has consistently shown the true meaning of a Southern Democrat and we are backing him 100%.”

Boyd “Zeke” Zitzmann
District 9

Ann Ardoin
At Large

Alfred Boustany, II
At Large

Jeff Moss
At Large

Former LPDEC Chairman, and current Democratic State Central Committeeman Frank Flynn sent out his personal thoughts on this race, he stated in part “there's a compassionate and well educated Democrat in this congressional who will "roll up his sleeves" when a tragic hurricane or tornado hits our community. Can we afford the expensive and ineffective Bush/Boustany team and failed Republican policies any longer?” ... “I suspect the voters will be hearing about Charles Boustany continued support of "private accounts" rather than supporting real reform in Social Security. “

Wilfred Pierre
At Large

Mike Stagg
At Large

“This race could not be more of a study in contrast. US Senator Mary Landrieu has a proven track record spanning a few decades of producing for her constituents, first in the State Legislature and then on to the US Senate where she is a ranking member rated one of the most productive for her state” claimed Stephen Handwerk – vice chairman of the Democrats 7th Congressional Caucus and Secretary of the LPDEC. On the 7th CD Race he said “Boustany is a nice guy, but he has completely sold out to his Party Bosses in DC. His consistent votes AGAINST LaCHIP in DC all the while promoting it here in the district - to his first official vote in the Congress to protect his benefactor, the now indicted Tom Delay – Boustany has illustrated quite clearly where his priorities lay – and that is not with his constituents.”



With regards to the weight this endorsement will carry – Malbreaux stated “I assume some people will discount this endorsement – however our committee is committed to our slate of candidates and at a time when Senator Landrieu is showing huge bipartisan support throughout the state and given the party division that happened 4 years ago that allowed Dr. Boustany to slip up through the middle and win this seat, we know it is imperative to illustrate to our constituents the commitment we have behind our candidates.”

**NOTE: Abstaining from the vote with regards to Don Cravins Jr. was Alfred Boustany, II due to his familial relation to the incumbent.*

The Lafayette Parish Democratic Executive Committee is the Local Branch of the Louisiana Democratic Party. Its website is located at www.LafayetteDemocrats.org and their regular monthly meetings take place on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Visit their website for additional information.

For additional information and analysis on the 7th Congressional Race, please visit: <http://www.louisianad2d.us/>

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