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## **PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA MOURNS LOSS OF COMMISSIONER GREGORY GRAVOIS**



The Port of South Louisiana is saddened to announce the death of long-time Commissioner Gregory Gravois, who passed away on Saturday, September 17, 2011 following a period of ill health. As the Louisiana Governor’s appointee to represent St. James Parish, Mr. Gravois has been a part of the Board of Commissioners since June 2000. In March 2003, he was elected President and served as such until March 2008 at which time he was elected Executive Vice President. In June 2010, he was elected Treasurer.

Mr. Gravois was a long-time business owner and contractor and was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #11857.

“Greg’s analytical mind on construction and financial issues was invaluable in the Port’s rapid expansion and growth which took place in the last 11 years. He will be sorely missed by all,” stated Joel Chaisson, Port of South Louisiana’s Executive Director. “Our deepest sympathies go out to Greg’s wife, Mona, his children, and his family.”

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The Port of South Louisiana, a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, is the largest tonnage port in the Western Hemisphere. The cargo it handles accounts for over 50 percent of all Louisiana imports/exports.

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