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#### CONGRESSMAN GARRET GRAVES VISITS THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA

The Port of South Louisiana hosted Congressman Garret Graves during his recent visit to various agencies in the River Region. Executive Director Paul Aucoin and other Port representatives provided an overview of the Port of South Louisiana along with a tour of the Port's public terminal, Globalplex Intermodal, receiving a detailed description along the way. Following, Congressman Graves and Mr. Aucoin visited with executives from Marathon Petroleum Corporation at their Garyville, Louisiana facility.

The stay at the Port of South Louisiana culminated with a luncheon attended by local business and government leaders, including Senator Gary Smith, St. Charles Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, St. John the Baptist Parish President Natalie Robottom, and St. James Parish President Timothy "Timmy" Roussel. Congressman Graves presented his stance on and discussed issues important to the River Region, such as coastal restoration and flood protection, energy independence, infrastructure maintenance, and environmental standards, followed by a Q&A session.

"We at the Port of South Louisiana thank Congressman Garret Graves for taking the time to visit our port," said Executive Director Paul Aucoin. While Congressman Graves is our State's newest Congressman, he certainly does not lack experience in public service. He has years of service in many capacities, which will serve him well as a Congressman. We appreciate his support of the Port of South Louisiana."

### **About Congressman Graves**

Congressman Garret Graves is a Republican Member of Congress representing Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District and serves on several important committees such as: House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure and is also assigned to Subcommittees on Highways & Transit, Water Resources & the Environment (Vice Chairman), Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation, and the Committee on Natural Resources where he is assigned to the Subcommittees for Energy & Mineral Resources, Public Lands, and Environmental Regulations. To learn more, visit www.garretgraves.house.gov

# **About the Port of South Louisiana**

The Port of South Louisiana is a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, encompassing the parishes of St. Charles, St. John and St. James. The facilities located within the port's district consistently handle over a quarter billion short tons of cargo annually, ranking it the largest tonnage port district in the Western Hemisphere, the nation's greatest grain exporter, and

the number one energy transfer port in the United States. Along the 108 miles of deep-water frontage on both banks of the river there are seven grain transfer facilities, four major oil processing plants, 11 petrochemical manufacturing facilities and several other facilities for a total of more than 50 piers and docks owned and operated by an impressive group of resident tenants such as ADM, ArcelorMittal, Dow, Cargill, DuPont, Motiva Enterprises, Marathon, Shell, Nucor Steel., Occidental, and Occidental Chemical To learn more visit our site at <a href="https://www.portsl.com">www.portsl.com</a> and like us on <a href="majorecipal">Facebook</a>.



Congressman Garret Graves (L) receiving an overview of the Port of South Louisiana from Executive Director Paul G. Aucoin



Pictured L-R: Port of South Louisiana (PSL) Commissioner Stanley Bazile, PSL Deputy Director Roy Quezaire, Senator Gary Smith,
PSL Executive Director Paul G. Aucoin, Congressman Garret Graves, St. James Parish Councilman James Brazan,
St. John Parish President Natalie Robottom, St. James Parish President Timothy "Timmy" Roussel, PSL Commissioner Robert "Poncho" Roussel,
St. Charles Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, and PSL Marine Cargo and Trade Director Buddy Amedee

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