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DARDENNE INTRODUCES LA BICENTENNIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne, with the Louisiana Bicentennial Commission and Caddo Parish Superintendent of Schools Gerald Dawkins, is announcing the Louisiana Bicentennial program for educators in northwestern Louisiana. To help educators incorporate the statehood celebration into their classrooms, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and the Louisiana Bicentennial Commission, chaired by retired Lt. Gen. Russell Honoré, have developed an all-inclusive Louisiana statehood curriculum, which is accessible to teachers throughout the state.

“Louisiana’s 200th year of statehood is a perfect opportunity for our students to learn more about our great state and its history,” Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne said. “I hope teachers will take full advantage of the resources being made available to stimulate student interest and excitement about this milestone in Louisiana’s history.”

Lt. Governor Dardenne is delivering copies of *200 Years in the Making: Bicentennial Desk Reference for Educators* to representatives of each Louisiana public school system as well as making the reference available to private schools and home-school associations. The desk reference includes lesson plans and projects designed for ease of implementation and aligned to the Louisiana Department of Education standards. The materials will assist educators in actively engaging students in learning about Louisiana and conforms to the third- and eighth-grade Louisiana history, American history and English language arts curricula. It also contains family activities and projects that encourage families as well as teachers and students to make Louisiana their favorite learning adventure.

“We appreciate the Lieutenant Governor’s office making this reference set available to our schools,” Caddo Superintendent Dr. Gerald Dawkins said. “These reference sets and Web-based

curriculum materials will allow students in our district to gain a better understanding of Louisiana's rich history through essays, classroom activities and family projects."

The Bicentennial Commission's Education Committee is holding teacher workshops throughout the state to help educators integrate the Commission's educational resources in their classrooms. Workshop registration and the *200 Years in the Making: Bicentennial Desk Reference for Educators* are available for download at www.crt.state.la.us/education/bicentennial.aspx.

For information about the Louisiana Bicentennial Commission and events associated with Louisiana's 200th year of statehood, visit www.LouisianaBicentennial2012.com.

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