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Rep. Havard Announces Multi-Million Dollar Regional Project

JACKSON – State representative Kenneth Havard (R-Jackson) along with Mayor Robbie Jackson of Slaughter and the directors of Feliciana Regional Business & Industry Council, Tom Moriarty, Jon Craft, Carla Sible and Charmaine Efferson are proud to announce a multi-million dollar investment in Southwest corner of East Feliciana in the Port Hudson area. After many months of working collaboratively with all the principles involved Florida Fuel Connection announced today that they will build a petroleum terminal and a rail shipment facility in East Feliciana, near the Mississippi River near the West Feliciana line. The complex is a starting point for the shipment of gasoline and other fuels via rail to Florida, which lacks pipeline connections to regional oil refineries and currently imports its fuel stocks by marine vessels.

The project will create at least 50 new direct jobs at an average annual salary of \$70,000 a year, plus benefits. Louisiana Economic Development estimates that it will create 137 new indirect jobs and expects the project to generate 200 construction jobs.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for our region and it could not have come to fruition without a team effort," said Representative Havard." The Highway 61 corridor between the Georgia Pacific light and Thompson Creek to the Mississippi River is our focus. Zachary, East and West Feliciana together have a lot to offer. Over the past year we have seen this grow from what some would call a pipe dream to a reality. I can't thank Mayor Jackson of Slaughter and the efforts from FRBIC directors enough for the work they have done. We are committed to making our region a viable player in the industrial and commercial markets. This will help facilitate growth in both East and West Feliciana. This is not the end. We are open for business and we look forward to moving on to the next project"

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