

Charlotte A. Randolph, *Parish President*

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President Randolph Receives America's Wetlands "Blue Ribbon Resilient Communities" Award



Lafourche Parish President Charlotte Randolph was presented the America's Wetlands "Blue Ribbon Resilient Communities" Award by Chairman R. King Milling during the Lafourche /Terrebonne Leadership Forum held in Houma. The award was based on data collected from community stakeholders and landowners who have been directly engaged through pre-forum research including interviews, meetings with local leadership and a focus group as well as participation at the forum itself. The data revealed that Lafourche Parish, through its leadership and hard work, has exceeded the levels for community care and awareness.

President Randolph said, "This award shows that the residents of Lafourche Parish are some of the most resilient in the nation. We have experienced Katrina, Rita, Gustav, Ike and the BP Spill and yet the people of Lafourche continue to rise up and meet the challenges of everyday life."

The goals of the "BLUE RIBBON RESILIENT COMMUNITIES: Envisioning the Future of America's Energy Coast" Leadership Forums are to:

1. Help sustain the ecological, economic and cultural values of the communities;
2. Help reduce risks associated with natural and man-made disasters and vulnerabilities;
3. Provide communities the tools to make decisions and plans based on realistic timelines; and
4. Empower communities to take decisive actions to ensure a sustainable and prosperous future.

Lafourche now joins four other communities including Lake Charles, Plaquemines, Terrebonne and Houston who have participated in community resiliency planning in the Gulf Coast Region