

## Congressman Cazayoux's Statement on Lifting the Offshore Drilling Moratorium:

"Yesterday, I joined with an overwhelming bi-partisan majority of my colleagues in voting for the continuing resolution to fund our government. While the bill contained many important provisions, including some disaster relief for Louisiana, it was also significant for what it did not contain: a moratorium on offshore drilling. I am pleased that Congress has allowed the moratorium to expire, and I hope this will be the beginning of new oil and gas exploration of our Outer Continental Shelf. Increasing our domestic supply of oil and gas is a critical component of our goal of a comprehensive energy policy for America. Today, we are one step closer to making that goal a reality."