Introduced January 14, 1986 by Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilman at Large Singletary

RESOLUTION R85-9

A resolution opposing the financing of State government with casino gambling.

WHEREAS, Edwin W. Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, has called a special session of the Louuisiana Legislature to seek approval for casino gambling in the New Orleans Area, as means of raising revenue and creating jobs, and;

WHEREAS, this proposal legalizes gambling as a method of funding State Governmental services, and;

WHEREAS, the institution of casino gambling can be done by a vote of the Louisiana Legislature, which process does not include a referendum vote of the citizens of our State, and;

WHEREAS, numerous and well known business associations, civic, religious and political leaders of the State have already expressed their opposition to this proposal for casino gambling to pay for State services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council, in legal session convened, that we oppose emphatically casino gambling to pay for State services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council calls upon its citizens, State elected officials from St. Tammany Parish, the St. Tammany Parish Police Jury, and other St. Tammany Parish Municipal officials to speak out in opposition to this proposal, whose real cost to and effect on the health and welfare of our citizens is unknown and unmeasurable, as a quick fix for sagging State revenues.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Council does recognize that the need for additional State revenues and improved State services can only be accomplished with a long term program of solid political, business, civic and religious leadership that recognizes the need to:

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- 1. expand the State's economic base and provide good jobs for all our citizens;
 - 2. establish a first class political image;
- 3. provide an exemplary public educational system including training in modern job skills;
- 4. evaluate the effects that our current State's entire tax system has had on revenues, and structure an equitable tax base alternative; and
- 5. streamline the State's budget by cutting programs that have ceased to serve a useful purpose.

ADOPTED this 14th day of January, 1986.

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Pearl Williams Councilwoman, District G President of the Council

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