Introduced October 9, 2001, by Councilman Williams, seconded by Council Members Singletary, Smith, Washington, Binder, Cusimano, Kingston, Livaudais, and Cerny

RESOLUTION NO. R01-25

A resolution of the Slidell City Council expressing its desire to have the City of Slidell remain in one State Senatorial District.

WHEREAS, every ten years, districts need to be reapportioned based upon the current census; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 Census indicates a shift in population with more people residing in southeast Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council feels that districts should be concise, compact, and with people having similar interest; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reapportionment currently under consideration by the Louisiana Senate Government Affairs Committee would dissect St. Tammany Parish and the City of Slidell by splitting parts of its population with St. Bernard and Plaguemine Parishes; and

WHEREAS, such a proposal would be contrary to the best interest of our community, defy logic, and the principals of community interest; and

WHEREAS, other alternatives are available to redesign Senatorial Districts

1 and 11 in the State of Louisiana.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby strongly object to any proposed redistricting plan that would endorse splitting of St. Tammany Parish, and the City of Slidell into more than one Senatorial District.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council believes districts should be drawn concisely, with natural boundaries, compactly, and with people of similar interests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council does hereby request the Louisiana State Legislature to reconsider its current redistricting proposal and to redefine Senatorial Districts 1 and 11, and to recognize the impact that the current proposal will have on our representation and our community.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council does hereby express its desire to have the entire City of Slidell and St. Tammany Parish represented by the 11th Senatorial District of the State of Louisiana.

ADOPTED this 9th day of October, 2001.

Jack Cerny

President of the Council Councilman, District F

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Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council

Salvatore A. Caruso

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Mayor