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### Greetings and Salutations

I would like to wish you a very special, safe, and prosperous New Year.

May God Bless.

Sincerely yours,  
*Roy A. Burrell*

Roy A. Burrell  
State Representative, District 2



"I will seek elegance rather than luxury, refinement rather than fashion. I will seek to be worthy more than respectable, wealthy and not rich. I will study hard, think quietly, talk gently, and act frankly. I will listen to stars and birds, babes and sages, with an open heart. I will bear all things cheerfully, do all things bravely await occasions and hurry never. In a word I will let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious grow up through the common." - **William Ellery Channing**

## Burrell In The Legislature

### Legislative Calendar

The 2008 inauguration of members will be at 10:00 a.m. in the House and Senate Chambers on Monday, January 14, 2008. The inauguration of governor and statewide elected officials will be at 12 noon on the Capitol steps.

According to the Legiscon Statehouse Report: The House plans to stay in session for a couple of days after its

105 members are sworn in on January 14. Per constitutional mandate, the House and Senate will meet in an organizational session January 14. The constitution allows both houses to stay in session for a maximum of three days. Historically, the chambers meet one day and go home. However, incoming House Speaker Jim Tucker decided that the House will stay in for the full three days for new members to

get a good grounding. The Senate has no similar plans.

Governor-elect Jindal is still expected to call a special legislative session to reform ethics laws.

The 2008 Regular Legislative Session is set to convene at noon on Monday, March 31, 2008 with final adjournment no later than 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2008.

## News For Constituents

### Health

#### **CIGNA Foundation -- CIGNA Foundation Grants**

**Application Deadline:** Introductory applications -- the first step in the application process -- are received and reviewed throughout the year.

**Description:** As part of its overall commitment to support innovative programs addressing the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities, the CIGNA Foundation makes targeted grants to organizations working in five core concern areas. These concerns, and representative activities, are:

the health of women, children, and families

obesity awareness and prevention

patient/doctor communications and health literacy

elimination of gender and ethnic disparities in health care

the connection between a healthy mind and a healthy body.

**Who May Apply:** 501(c)(3) public charities

**For more information, go to:**

[http://www.cigna.com/about\\_us/community/targeted\\_grant.html](http://www.cigna.com/about_us/community/targeted_grant.html)

### Emergency Preparedness

#### **U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) -- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program**

**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2008

**Description:** The PDM program will provide funds to states, territories, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, and communities for hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster event. Funding these plans and projects reduces overall risks to the population and structures, while also reducing reliance on funding from actual disaster declarations.

**Funding Amount:** See program announcement for details.

**Who May Apply:** Only the state emergency management agencies or a similar office (i.e., the office that has emergency management responsibility) of the state, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as well as federally recognized Indian tribal governments, are eligible to apply.

**For more information, go to:**

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pdm/index.shtm>

### Special Education

#### **U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services -- The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Multi-Year Individualized Education Program Demonstration Program**

**Application Deadline:** February 11, 2008

**Description:** The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for states (including Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and outlying areas) to allow parents and local educational agencies to engage in long-term planning by offering the option of developing a comprehensive multi-year individualized education plan -- not to exceed three years -- designed to coincide with natural transition points for the child.

**Funding Amount:**

Estimated available funds: \$150,000

Estimated average size of awards: \$10,000

Estimated number of awards: 15

Project period: 48 months

**Who May Apply:** State educational agencies in any state, including the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and each of the outlying areas

**For more information, go to:**

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/>

## News For Constituents continued

edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/E7-20157.htm

### Childhood Fitness

#### **General Mills Foundation -- Champions for Healthy Kids**

**Application Deadline:** January 15, 2008

**Description:** The General Mills Foundation, in partnership with the American Dietetic Association Foundation and the President's Council on Physical Fitness, developed the Champions for Healthy Kids grant program in 2002. Each year, the General Mills Foundation awards grants to community-based groups that develop creative ways to help youth adopt a balanced diet and a physically active lifestyle.

**Funding Amount:** 50 grants of \$10,000 each

**Who May Apply:** Organizations must be nonprofit or not-for-profit organizations and have 501(c)(3) or 509(a) status.

**For more information,** go to:  
<http://www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx>

### Animal Welfare

#### **Maddie's Fund®**

**Application Deadline:** See Web site for details on individual programs.

**Description:** The goal of Maddie's Fund is to help build a no-kill nation where all healthy and treatable (underage, sick, injured, and poorly behaved) shelter dogs and cats find loving new homes. When the nation reaches the point where all of its healthy animals can be guaranteed a home, Maddie's Fund will then focus its resources on funding programs to rehabilitate sick, injured, and poorly behaved animals, knowing that when they are whole again, there will be a loving home waiting for them. Maddie's Fund is striving to reach the no-kill nation goal by awarding grants to community collaborations (coalitions of rescue groups, animal-control agencies, traditional shelters, and private-practice veterinarians), veterinary medical associations, and colleges of veterinary medicine.

**Who May Apply:** See Web site for details on individual programs.

**For more information,** go to:  
<http://www.maddies.org/index.html>

### Relatives as Parents

**The Brookdale Foundation --** Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP)

**Application Deadlines:** January 10, 2008, for local proposals and February 8, 2008, for state proposals

**Description:** The Relatives as Parents Program is designed to encourage and promote the creation or expansion of services for grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the

responsibility of surrogate parenting due to the absence of parents.

**Funding Amount:** The program awards seed grants of \$10,000 over a two-year period in two categories: local agencies and state public agencies.

**Who May Apply:** Local agencies must have a 501(c)(3) or equivalent tax-exempt status. Eligible state agencies are limited to Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, the District of Columbia, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Puerto Rico.

**For more information,** go to:  
<http://www.brookdalefoundation.org/relativesasparents.htm>

### KEEP US INFORMED

**Please let us know if you are successful with the grant information provided in the newsletter.**

**If you have information you would like to have included in the District 2 Newsletter, please submit it to Rep. Burrell's office.**

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## News For Constituents

### Cognac, France



Standing l – r: Burrell and Ivan de Fonclaire, Product Rep.

Seated l – r: Mosley and François Barat, President of H. Mounier

In November 2007, a historic trip was made to Cognac, France by the owner of Celebrity Jazz Signature Wines, LLC, Mr. Eugene Mosley and Louisiana State Representative Roy Burrell to negotiate and sign an international trade agreement to market in the U.S. the world's best and finest cognac spirits ever produced. It will be marketed under the Celebrity Jazz label in the U.S. This is quite a fête for a minority owned Louisiana Company from the inner city of Shreveport, Louisiana. Mosley's signature products include a "Signature Gold XO" and a "Signature Gold VSOP" brand cognac which are top of the line. They are produced by the Prince Hubert de Polignac Family in Cognac, France, from fruits taken from some of the finest vineyards in the world. "We wanted only the best tasting and finest quality products sold under the Celebrity Jazz brand, unlike any other on the market. Prince Hubert's cognac was recently awarded 'the World's Best Cognac' in international competition," according to H. Mounier Cognac Company, the parent company and makers of the hugely successful "Grey Goose" vodka product. These products will soon join Mosley's line of gourmet food and wine products that are already being sold on the market under the Celebrity Jazz label at most

Wal-Mart stores in the region, including parts of Texas. Mosley hopes Celebrity Jazz Products will be well known and recognized nationally and internationally. Burrell was brought on board as an advisor, mentor, and supporter. Besides being a state legislator, Rep. Burrell directs the Inner City Entrepreneur (ICE) Institute, a 10 year old business consulting and entrepreneurship training public non-profit organization that specializes in assisting inner city companies. "I am so proud of Eugene and his Celebrity Jazz Company. He is a small inner city business that's going places. I offered my help, and he accepted. I paid my own way to France and back to help him with the foreign negotiations," Burrell said. Burrell was able to direct some much needed resources to Celebrity Jazz at a critical time. Burrell also used his diplomatic status as a Louisiana State Representative and his business consulting expertise to accompany and assist Mr. Mosley in contract negotiations with the French parent company - H. Mounier. "Mr. Burrell lends credibility to my efforts to establish international trade between France and Louisiana through my company. His advice and communication skills were invaluable," said Mosley. Burrell also noted that he has made several unofficial business trips abroad in city and state government to the Netherlands and parts of Africa, but never at the taxpayers' expense.

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