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**St. Tammany Corporation Honors Senator Sharon Hewitt as *Champion of Economic Development* with Recognition for Service to St. Tammany Parish**

*Northshore Legislative Delegation Senior Leader is a Proactive Voice for Business and Industry*

MANDEVILLE, La – Today, Chris Masingill, St. Tammany Corporation CEO, is pleased to announce an award was presented by the St. Tammany Parish Development District at its September Board of Commissioners meeting to Senator Sharon Hewitt honoring her as a *St. Tammany Champion of Economic Development*. The award recognizes her service to St. Tammany Parish during the 2020 First Extraordinary Legislative Session and the 2020 Regular Session.

Senator Hewitt continues to provide ongoing support of resources and tools for business retention, expansion, and attraction at the state level, and champions sustainable economic development in St. Tammany Parish as a valued partner of St. Tammany Corporation. Her efforts to secure additional funding to local entities has also provided St. Tammany Corporation with critical resources to continue economic development activities while the local economy experiences the ongoing effects and impacts of the pandemic.

“I am humbled to be recognized by the St. Tammany Corporation for my support of economic development in our parish. Not only does a healthy economy generate tax revenue to fund needed services for our community, but it also creates jobs for our citizens that allow them to better provide for their families. I look forward to continuing to partner with St. Tammany Corporation to bring new opportunities to our parish.”

“We are grateful to have Senator Sharon Hewitt representing our community in the state legislature. I sincerely appreciate her guidance, leadership, and sound advice as it relates to economic development priorities and initiatives,” said Masingill. “We started our *St. Tammany Champions of Economic Development* campaign in May 2019 to highlight the importance of economic development in St. Tammany and to honor public servants, business and community leaders who support job growth, wealth creation and the efforts of St. Tammany Corporation. Senator Hewitt is very deserving of this honor.”

“Senator Hewitt is a leader in the state delegation who values the role of economic development at the local, regional, and state levels,” stated Marty Mayer, St. Tammany Parish Development District Board President. “She fosters collaboration amongst stakeholders and partners to build coalitions as a tireless leader in workforce development, talent retention, and STEM education.”

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**About St. Tammany Corporation:** As the lead economic development organization for St. Tammany, the St. Tammany Corporation functions as the comprehensive resource center for business services throughout the parish. The services provided by the St. Tammany Corporation include, but are not limited to, business retention, site selection, workforce development,

research and data services, state and local incentives, business attraction, talent retention, certified site development, relocation support, and marketing St. Tammany.