

## **Sharon Weston Broome, President Pro Tempore**

*Louisiana State Senate, District 15*

**State Senator Sharon Weston Broome** was the first African American female elected to the Louisiana State Senate from East Baton Rouge Parish representing Senate District 15. First elected to the Senate in December 2004 with no opposition, she was re-elected in 2007 with an overwhelming 80 percent of the vote and currently holds the position of President Pro Tempore of the Louisiana State Senate.

Senator Broome served in the Louisiana House of Representatives (District 29) for 12 years and was the first female elected as Speaker Pro Tempore of the Louisiana House of Representatives. Senator Broome was also the first female elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives from both East and West Baton Rouge Parishes.

During her tenure in the Legislature, Senator Broome has authored significant Legislation such as: The Children's Trust Fund Bill, Saturday Academy Program, Kinship Care Subsidy Program, Social Work Practice Act, and Arts in Education.

Prior to serving in state government, Senator Broome served on the Baton Rouge Metro Council. She was cited by the Baton Rouge Business Report as one of the "Top 25 Most Influential Women - Leading The Way In The Capital City."

Senator Broome is an active member at Star Hill Church. She is actively involved in a number of community organizations such as the North Baton Rouge Women's Help Center, Louisiana State University Manship School Board of Visitors, and the YWCA-Encore Plus just to name a few.

Broome received her B.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse and her M.A. degree from Regent University in Virginia. A nationally recognized speaker and communications consultant, she is the president of Sharon Broome Communications, Inc. Weston Broome has made various national television appearances including "The 700 Club," Court's TV's "Your Turn," "CTN Live", PBS' "Debates Debates" and the "Montel Williams Show." In addition, she served for five years as the "2 On Your Side" reporter for WBRZ-TV (ABC-Baton Rouge).

Senator Broome is happily married to Marvin Alonzo Broome, and they are the proud parents of three children and two grandchildren.