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### **Parish Recognizes Shell Chemical Geismar for 50 Years in Ascension**

At its October 19 meeting, the Ascension Parish Council recognized Shell Chemical Geismar on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Ascension Parish, declaring October 19, 2017 as Shell Chemical Geismar Day.

Shell has been in continuous operation in Ascension Parish since 1967, has never changed ownership, and has remained a safe and profitable Shell facility for its entire half-century of existence, according to the proclamation read by Council Chairman Bill Dawson.

Shell Chemical Geismar is, and always has been, one of the largest employers and taxpayers in Ascension Parish, currently employing approximately 680 Shell employees, and routinely employing 600 (average) day-to-day contract maintenance employees. It currently is undergoing a major expansion which employs approximately 1,900 contract craftspeople on site during peak times.

Dawson also noted that Shell Chemical Geismar makes critical components of a variety of household and commercial products people use every day, like laundry detergent, personal care products, automobile coolant/antifreeze, synthetic motor oil, drilling fluid, and plastic containers. It does so by converting ethylene into a variety of useful compounds and products.

Shell Chemical Geismar and its employees are active supporters of a wide variety of civic and community initiatives and organizations; they regularly give of their personal time and resources to help make Ascension Parish a great place to live and work.

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Photo Tag: Left to Right – Councilman Travis Turner, Council Chairman Bill Dawson, Councilman Todd Lambert, Shell Geismar Production Manager J. J. Howell, Shell Geismar Communications Manager Kevin Hardy, and Councilman Randy Clouatre.