

## The Times

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### **Rozeman's, Hamm's work is appreciated**

As we head into the New Year, we have something to celebrate in northwest Louisiana.

Blueprint Louisiana has named Shreveport physician Phillip A. Rozeman as its chairman for 2014 and 2015. He will lead a board comprised of community leaders from throughout Louisiana. Blueprint Louisiana is a citizen-driven effort to identify and implement essential changes that will fundamentally improve life and economic opportunity in Louisiana for generations. This nonpartisan effort is led and supported by community and business leaders from across the state.

Dr. Rozennan is the founder of Cardiovascular Consultants — the largest cardiology practice in north Louisiana. Rozeman is also founder of the Alliance for Education, Education's Next Horizon, and the Shreveport- Bossier Business Alliance for Higher Education (SBBA). He currently serves on the boards of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, Willis-Knighton Health System, Louisiana Committee of 100, Shreveport Medical Society, CABL and PAR.

In addition to congratulating Dr. Rozeman, I would also like to congratulate Bob Hamm, who was recently selected to head up the Council for a Better Louisiana (CABL). Both Blueprint and CABL are among a small handful of organizations of thought leaders working to improve our state. We are fortunate to have both of these local men leading these prestigious organizations.

Thank you and congratulation to Phillip Rozeman and Bob Hamm.

— **Michael H. Woods**