

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION  
TO  
Rev. Dr. Joe Gant, Jr.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Caddo Parish Commission acknowledges and celebrates the remarkable achievements and dedication of **Reverend Dr. Joe Gant, Jr.**, who has served as the Senior Pastor at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church for an astounding fifty years; and

**WHEREAS**, this esteemed pastor has been a steadfast beacon of leadership, compassion, and community service whose commitment to spreading the gospel has extended far beyond the walls of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, and taken many forms from successful marches to reclaim neighborhoods from the influence of drugs in the late 80's to service as a chaplain assistant in the United States Army, to his participation in international ministries; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 42 years, Rev. Gant has hosted a city-wide Prayer Vigil at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, fostering unity and spiritual reflection among citizens and providing dedicated prayers for educators, elected officials, law enforcement officials, and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Gant's extensive service to education and civic life is exemplified by his twenty years on the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agriculture and Mechanical College System and twelve years as a member of the Shreveport Airport Authority; and


**WHEREAS**, Rev. Gant's creativity, determination, perseverance, and extraordinary courage in advancing fundamental rights were recognized with the 2017 Louisiana Association of Educators' Human & Civil Rights Trailblazer Award; and


**WHEREAS**, Doctor Gant's personal achievements, including being the first in his family to earn a college degree, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree from Louisiana State University Shreveport and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Louisiana Baptist University & Seminary, reflect his commitment to education and personal growth; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby heartily congratulate and commend Rev. Dr. Joe R. Gant, Jr. for his 50 years anniversary at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Commission does extend its gratitude for Rev. Dr. Gant's many indelible contributions to Caddo Parish and extends our wishes of continued blessings upon his efforts as he continues his service to his congregation, community and his Creator.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Roy Burrell  
President

  
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Steffon Jones  
District 6

  
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Jeff Everson  
Commission Clerk