

State of Louisiana



Parish of Caddo

In the Name and By the Authority of The
Caddo Parish Commission

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION *Myrtis Edwards*

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Caddo Parish Commission to give appropriate acknowledgment and recognition to individuals and organizations who have rendered invaluable service in its behalf to the citizens of Caddo Parish, especially during Women's History Month, which is a time to celebrate and honor the contributions of Women to our history and culture; and

WHEREAS, **Myrtis Edwards** is one such person who has cut new pathways to success as an entrepreneur, a servant leader and a dedicated member of her family and community; and

WHEREAS, Whereas, this beautiful woman was born and raised in Shreveport, LA. A 1982 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School and Northwestern State University. The daughter of the late Rev. Cleveland Douglas and Myrtis Lewis Douglas, sister of Sandra Jamerson, Lillie French, Attorney Willie Singleton, and Myron Douglas, Sr., mother of Dominique and Chelsey Edwards, granny of Paighton Edwards, Kynnadie Edwards, McKinnley Edwards, Jordan Turner, Madilynn Phipps, and Za'Lahni Anderson, and a blessing to many more family and friends, and

WHEREAS, Edwards is an entrepreneur & professional businesswoman, who has dedicated her life to serving, leading, blessing and creating a positive influence in the lives of others. Myrtis launched her professional flight at Boeing Company and has been employed at David Raines Community Health Center as the Chief Operating Officer since 2001. She has served as a staple in the business community for over 25 years and has had much success as an African American female in the financial industry. She began with her entrepreneurship flight from 1996-2013 as the owner of one of the best hair salons to touch the City of Shreveport, M&M Hair & Nails. Simultaneously, Myrtis demonstrated her accounting skills as the owner & Tax Queen of TaxPro from 1996 to present. She was also the owner of MLD Trucking from 2022-2023, and

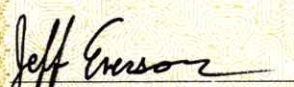
WHEREAS, for 18 years, Myrtis served as Chief Executive Officer of Reach Out & Touch, Inc., a non-profit organization that focused on serving the community of Shreveport via summer camps, summer feeding programs in various schools and recreation centers, after school tutoring, and transportation services to adults, and

WHEREAS, Myrtis's impact extends far beyond her professional and entrepreneurship ventures. She has served as a silent pillar in the community by serving on numerous boards and organizations such as the Executive Board Treasurer for HOPE Connections, Chief Financial Officer at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, and member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, and

WHEREAS, despite all her accolades, Myrtis remains humble, faithful, genuine, and grateful. She will continue to shine bright like a diamond and make a change for the furtherance of others. As we congregate to celebrate Myrtis's "59 1/2 Just Won't Do to 60 Journey," let us not forget how she has blessed so many of us in the past, present and moments to come.

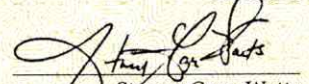
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby recognizes and honors **Myrtis Edwards** for her exceptional leadership, professionalism, and contributions to her community during Women's History Month and beyond.

ATTEST:


Jeff Everson
Commission Clerk




John-Paul Young
President


Stormy Gage-Watts
Vice-President


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