

# State of Louisiana



## Parish of Caddo

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

### RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION *Estelle Brown*

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Caddo Parish Commission to give appropriate acknowledgment to individuals who have made indelible contributions to the cultural landscape of our country, entertained and soothed countless moments and brought pride and inspiration to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, **Estelle Brown**, as the last remaining member of the Sweet Inspirations, has left an indelible mark on the music industry through her unparalleled talent, dedication, and passion for music; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sweet Inspirations, under Estelle Brown's leadership, released nine albums, showcasing their exceptional vocal harmonies and musical prowess and their lineup nourished solo careers for esteemed artists such as Dionne Warwick and her sister Cissy Houston (mother of Whitney Houston), contributing significantly to the evolution of popular music; and

**WHEREAS**, Estelle Brown and the Sweet Inspirations lent their remarkable vocal talents as backing singers to numerous iconic songs, including Jimi Hendrix's "Burning of the Midnight Lamp," Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl," and the theme from "Grease," among others, enriching the musical landscape with their soulful harmonies; and

**WHEREAS**, their illustrious career included collaborations with a diverse array of artists, ranging from Wilson Pickett and Aretha Franklin to the Bee Gees and The Killers, showcasing their versatility and enduring impact on music across generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Estelle Brown and the Sweet Inspirations performed over 1,000 shows as Elvis Presley's backup singers and opening act in the 1970s, contributing to the iconic legacy of the King of Rock 'n' Roll and enchanting audiences worldwide with their captivating performances; and

**WHEREAS**, the legacy of Estelle Brown and the Sweet Inspirations transcends time and continues to inspire and influence aspiring musicians and music lovers around the globe;

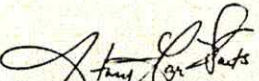
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby honors **ESTELLE BROWN** for her exceptional achievements and contributions to the world of music, and extends its heartfelt appreciation for her dedication, talent, and enduring legacy; and

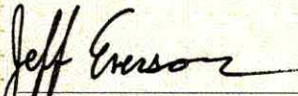
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Caddo Parish Commission declares Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> as "Estelle Brown Day" in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and encourages all residents to join in celebrating her remarkable life and contributions to the cultural heritage of our community.

**ATTEST:**



  
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President

  
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