

State of Louisiana



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

SPECIAL RESOLUTION 40TH ANIVERSARY OF DIXIE COLD STORAGE FIRE

WHEREAS, on September 17, 1984, the Shreveport Fire Department responded to a hazardous material call at the Dixie Cold Storage facility due to an anhydrous ammonia leak, a dangerous situation that escalated quickly; and

WHEREAS, a spark ignited the fumes within the facility, severely endangering the firefighters on the scene, including Captain Percy Johnson and Assistant Chief Pat Johnson, both members of the Shreveport Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Team; and

WHEREAS, an explosion erupted within the facility, igniting the protective suits worn by the firefighters and a heroic rescue of followed with firefighters while simultaneously battling the blaze as they worked to rescue their own; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Pat Johnson suffered critical injuries with second- and third-degree burns, ending his distinguished career with the Shreveport Fire Department, and Captain Percy Johnson also sustained severe burns and tragically passed away 36 hours later as a result of his injuries; and

WHEREAS, six other firefighters were also injured during this tragic incident, exemplifying the courage and sacrifice that first responders make to protect our communities; and

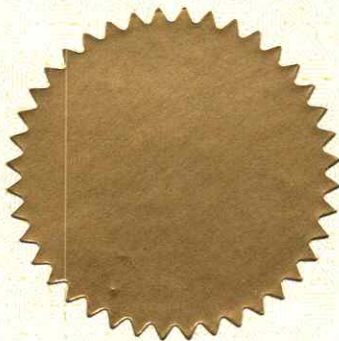
WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission joins the Shreveport Fire Department and the entire community in remembering the sacrifice of Captain Percy Johnson and all those who were injured in the line of duty on that fateful day; and

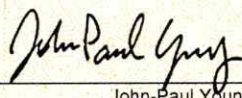
WHEREAS, as we observe the 40th Anniversary of the Dixie Cold Storage Fire, we honor the memory of Captain Percy Johnson, Assistant Chief Pat Johnson and all the first responders who gave their lives or suffered injuries in the line of duty, while recognizing the bravery and dedication of all who continue to serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due and legal session convened, that it does hereby declare September 17, 2024 as a day of remembrance in honor of the first responders who perished or were injured in the 1984 Dixie Cold Storage Fire.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission calls upon all citizens of Caddo Parish to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of these brave first responders.

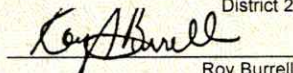
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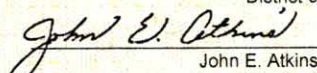



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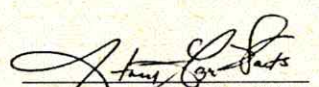

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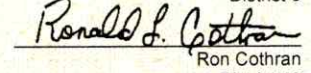

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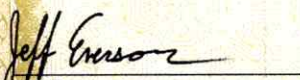

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