

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF LOIS BRYANT HUGHES

WHEREAS, Lois Bryant Hughes, born on January 17, 1935, in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, has led an extraordinary life marked by resilience, dedication, and community service, standing as a matriarchal pillar in her family and community; and

WHEREAS, she was the beloved daughter of Gertrude Hall Bryant and Walter Lo Bryant and was raised in a vibrant family alongside her twin sister, Lola Bryant Griggs, her brother Huey Bryant, and later her brothers Walter and Earnest Silvie; and

WHEREAS, Lois's father was a visionary builder who not only constructed homes in Shreveport's Hollywood neighborhood but also played a pivotal role in bringing electricity to the area, improving the quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Booker T. Washington High School in 1954, Lois pursued higher education at Lincoln University in Jefferson, Missouri, later marrying her high school sweetheart, Eddie Eugene Hughes, with whom she shared 40 loving years of marriage and raised three children; and

WHEREAS, Lois's professional journey began in 1957 as the first Black employee at St. Vincent School Academy, serving as Secretary to the Mother Superior, and in 1959, she became the first hired employee for Hattie Perry Park Swimming Pool; and

WHEREAS, she dedicated 32 years of exemplary service to the Caddo Parish School System, holding roles as a Bookkeeper and Secretary at Carver High, Eden Gardens Junior High, Oak Terrace Middle School, and Linwood Middle School; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Lois and her late husband Eddie founded Eddie's Restaurant, which has become the oldest African American family-owned restaurant in Northwest Louisiana, renowned for its hospitality and cuisine and still thriving under the Hughes family's stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Lois is a devout Catholic and a member of The Cathedral of Saint John Berchmans Catholic Church in Shreveport, Louisiana, where she has served as a Eucharistic Minister, Sunday School Teacher, and held numerous leadership positions within the church's auxiliaries; and

WHEREAS, her faith journey includes remarkable highlights such as an audience with Pope Paul II, participation in a ministry mission to Africa, and travels to historic and spiritual destinations including Bethlehem, Egypt, Germany, France, Paris, and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Lois has also been an active member of the Hollywood Neighborhood Association and the Hickory Street Neighbor Association, further demonstrating her lifelong commitment to community service and engagement; and

WHEREAS, Lois's remarkable life of service, faith, and family has left an indelible mark on Caddo Parish and serves as an inspiration to all who know her;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby celebrate the 90th birthday of **Lois Bryant Hughes**, recognizing her lifetime of achievements and contributions to her family, church, and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission and that a copy be provided to Mrs. Hughes as a token of the Commission's heartfelt appreciation and admiration for her extraordinary life.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

President, Caddo Parish Commission

Clerk, Caddo Parish Commission