## SPECIAL RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OPERATION SANTA CLAUSE

**WHEREAS**, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes and values the efforts of community organizations that bring joy and hope to those in need, particularly during the holiday season; and

WHEREAS, Operation Santa Clause is a remarkable program organized by KWKH DJ Barney Cannon in 1984 along with first responders and in partnership with community members to provide Christmas presents to disadvantaged children across the region which it has done successfully for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, this program exemplifies the true spirit of the season, ensuring that children who may otherwise go without are able to experience the joy and magic of Christmas through the generosity and compassion of others; and

WHEREAS, Operation Santa Clause relies on the tireless dedication and collaboration of first responders, volunteers, and donors who work together to bring smiles to children's faces and make a meaningful impact in their lives; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Operation Santa Clause has brought immeasurable happiness to countless families, creating cherished memories and uplifting the community as a whole; and

**WHEREAS,** the program's efforts strengthen the bond between first responders and the community, showcasing the extraordinary commitment of these men and women to serve beyond their professional duties and the community partners, like Townsquare Media, who support the mission alongside the Shreveport Police and Fire Departments;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby extend its heartfelt appreciation to the Operation Santa Clause program, its organizers, and all those who contribute to its success for their exemplary service and dedication to the well-being of disadvantaged children in our community and congratulate them on 40 years of making children smile.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this resolution be a part of the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission and that a copy be provided to the Operation Santa Clause program as a token of gratitude for their continued efforts and positive impact.

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