

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

## SPECIAL RESOLUTION CELEBRATING & COMMEMORATING THE HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE 2025 LSUS PILOTS BASEBALL TEAM

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State University at Shreveport (LSUS) Pilots Baseball Team has achieved an unprecedented milestone in collegiate sports by completing a perfect 59-0 season, culminating in their first-ever NAIA Baseball National Championship; and

WHEREAS, this historic accomplishment marks the first time in the history of college baseball at any level that a team has finished a season undefeated, solidifying the Pilots' place in the annals of sports history; and

WHEREAS, under the exceptional leadership of Head Coach Brad Neffendorf, the Pilots demonstrated remarkable skill and determination, overcoming a 4-0 deficit in the championship game to secure a 13-7 victory over Southeastern University; and

WHEREAS, the team's dominance was evident throughout the season, leading the nation with a .361 batting average, 11.3 runs per game, 76 home runs, a 2.38 ERA, and a .982 fielding percentage; and

WHEREAS, Individual Pilots players received recognition for the parts they played in this historic season as the 2025 Avista NAIA World Series All-Tournament Team includes 5 Pilots players: Third baseman Josh Gibson, catcher Diego Aragon, outfielder Ian Montz, and pitchers Isaac Rohde and Draven Zeigler; and Rohde was also named Most Valuable Player, Cooper Huspen was received the Hustle Award, and Jose Sallorin the earned the Gold Glove Award.

WHEREAS, the Pilots' extraordinary performance has brought immense pride to the LSUS community, the City of Shreveport, and Caddo Parish, serving as an inspiration to athletes and fans alike; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission that the Commission hereby celebrates and commemorates the historic achievements of the 2025 LSUS Pilots Baseball Team, recognizing their perfect season and national championship as a testament to excellence, perseverance, and teamwork;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission extends its heartfelt congratulations to Head Coach Brad Neffendorf, the coaching staff, players, and all those who contributed to this remarkable

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will be made a part of the permanent records of Caddo Parish and a copy of this resolution shall be presented at the LSUS Pilot Citywide Celebration on June 1,2025.