

***A SPECIAL RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE EDEN GARDENS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1970  
AND RECOGNIZING THEIR UNIQUE LEGACY DURING A TIME OF HISTORIC CHANGE  
IN CADDO PARISH***

**WHEREAS**, the Caddo Parish Commission is proud to recognize and honor the 55th anniversary of the Eden Gardens High School Class of 1970, a class whose journey reflects courage, resilience, and unity during a time of profound change in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, in the spring of 1970, less than two months before their scheduled graduation, the seniors of Eden Gardens High School were informed they would be transitioning to Captain Shreve High School as part of the federally mandated process of integration; and

**WHEREAS**, though the students supported the principle of integration, they were deeply saddened by the abrupt and late transition, which meant leaving behind the teachers, classmates, and familiar environment they had cherished throughout their high school years; and

**WHEREAS**, in response, the Class of 1970 demonstrated unity and courage by staging a peaceful protest, marching from the Cedar Grove neighborhood to downtown Shreveport to give voice to their desire to finish their senior year at Eden Gardens High School; and

**WHEREAS**, many members of the class have recalled the emotional toll of the transition, from feeling lost and displaced to graduating without a yearbook—a milestone memory that generations of seniors treasure but which was denied to them; and

**WHEREAS**, despite these challenges, the Class of 1970 found creative ways to preserve their legacy, creating a “memory book” with index cards to capture the faces, names, and bonds that defined their school family; and


**WHEREAS**, their story is one of both loss and resilience, representing the difficult but necessary steps of progress in education, integration, and equality within Caddo Parish; and


**WHEREAS**, the 55th anniversary of the Eden Gardens High School Class of 1970 provides a moment not only to honor the students themselves, but also to reflect on their important place in our local history and to celebrate their lasting bonds of friendship, strength, and perseverance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in legal and regular session convened, that it does hereby commemorate the 55th anniversary of the Eden Gardens High School Class of 1970, honoring their courage, resilience, and contributions to the history of education and civil rights in Caddo Parish.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be presented to the members of the Eden Gardens High School Class of 1970 as a lasting expression of the respect and recognition of the citizens of Caddo Parish.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Commission Clerk

  
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