A SPECIAL RESOLUTION COMMENDING WHOSE NEXT BARBERSHOP AND ITS OWNER, LORENZO DAVENPORT, FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE YOUTH OF CADDO PARISH THROUGH THEIR BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT AND ONGOING COMMUNITY MENTORSHIP

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is proud to recognize and commend *Whose Next Barbershop* and its owner, Master Barber Mr. Lorenzo Davenport, for their dedication to the youth of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2025, Mr. Davenport and his team at *Whose Next Barbershop* hosted a successful Back to School event, providing free haircuts to many Caddo Parish students, ensuring that children returned to school with confidence and pride; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport's service extends far beyond the barber's chair, as he uses his platform to mentor and encourage young people, reminding them that they can achieve greatness and pursue positive paths for their futures; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport's life is a testimony of transformation, turning away from a difficult past marked by youthful mistakes and encounters with the law, and instead embracing his God-given gift as a barber, beginning at the age of nine when he first picked up a pair of clippers; and

WHEREAS, through perseverance and faith, Mr. Davenport has transformed *Whose Next Barbershop* into a safe space of mentorship, empowerment, and community, where each haircut comes with words of encouragement to "keep dreaming, keep believing"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport reminds each young client that they do not have to follow negative influences, but instead can aspire to be leaders, professionals, and community builders—the "next" president, senator, or role model in their community; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to uplifting youth through his craft and his example reflects the highest ideals of citizenship and service, making a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of many in Caddo Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in legal and regular session convened, that it does hereby commend *Whose Next Barbershop* and its owner, Mr. Lorenzo Davenport, for their charitable Back to School event, their mentorship of Caddo Parish youth, and their outstanding contributions to the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be presented to Mr. Lorenzo Davenport and *Whose Next Barbershop* as a lasting expression of appreciation and recognition from the citizens of Caddo Parish.

ATTEST:

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