

State of Louisiana

Parish of Caddo

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

Special Resolution of Remembrance for The Honorable Wayne Waddell

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission takes solemn and respectful note of the passing of Leo Wayne Waddell (October 14, 1948 – October 3, 2025), a distinguished public servant, business leader, and valued resident, whose career and life left an indelible mark on Caddo Parish, the State of Louisiana, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Waddell was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, and devoted his life to the service of his community through many roles: as a Caddo Parish Commissioner, as a State Representative (serving three terms and as Dean of the House), as Executive Director of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, and as a successful business owner of Waddell's Gallery of Distinction and Louisiana Molding and Supply, Inc., committed to excellence in the arts, framing, and local commerce; and

WHEREAS, beyond his formal public offices and business endeavors, Wayne Waddell was active in civic, fraternal, and religious life—serving as a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, participating in the Cedar Grove Masonic Lodge, the El Karubah Shrine, the Downtown Shreveport Rotary Club, and the Louisiana State Fair Board—always striving to build community, forge relationships, and serve with humility and respect; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of public service, Wayne Waddell earned broad respect and goodwill across political lines, forging relationships with people of diverse backgrounds, viewpoints, and communities, and his commitment to fairness, integrity, and responsiveness was appreciated by constituents across the spectrum; and

WHEREAS, his leadership of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum combined his passions for history, education, and culture, and his stewardship in that role advanced the institution's mission to bring heritage and arts to citizens across Louisiana; and

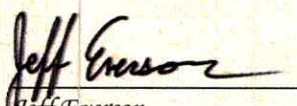
WHEREAS, as a business leader, he built long-term relationships with employees, vendors, artists, and customers, prioritizing trust, quality, and community over short-term gain, and his businesses earned a reputation for service, craftsmanship, and reliability over more than five decades; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Waddell was devoted to his family—his beloved wife, Susan Simpson Waddell, to whom he was married for 54 years; their sons, Greg and Riley, their spouses and children; and a circle of friends, colleagues, and admirers who were uplifted by his wit, his warmth, and his steady counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission affirms that Wayne Waddell's life and legacy transcend partisanship, and that his service, character, and commitment will be held in grateful remembrance by people of all political, cultural, and social persuasions across Caddo Parish and Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Recognizes and honors the life, career, and legacy of Wayne Waddell, and expresses profound sorrow at his passing; commends his public service as Commissioner, State Representative, and caretaker of Louisiana's cultural institutions, and his enduring contributions to business, civic life, and community across Caddo Parish and the region; Acknowledges that his leadership was respected by constituents and colleagues of diverse political affiliations, and that his friendship, fairness, and decency bridged differences and inspired cooperation across divides; Extends condolences to his family and affirms the Commission's support and sympathy in this time of loss, and Directs that this resolution be made a part of the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission, and that a copy be delivered to the family of Wayne Waddell as an expression of the Commission's lasting respect and gratitude.

ATTEST:


Jeff Everson
Commission Clerk




Stormy Gage-Watts
President


Victor Thomas
Parliamentarian