

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION HONORING FIRE CHIEF BRIAN WATSON UPON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Brian Watson has faithfully and honorably served the citizens of Shreveport and Caddo Parish for more than 27 years, dedicating his career to protecting lives, property, and the well-being of the community through the Shreveport Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Chief Watson is a proud graduate of Fair Park High School, Class of 1990, and attended Louisiana Tech University before answering the call to public service by joining the Shreveport Fire Department in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Chief Watson began his career as a member of Shreveport Fire Department Class #42, which commenced training on February 1, 1998, and successfully graduated four months later, launching a career marked by professionalism, resilience, and excellence; and

WHEREAS, his first assignment at the historic Fire Station No. 8 near the Louisiana State Fairgrounds—located in the community where he was raised—helped shape his career and provided the foundation for his growth as a firefighter and paramedic; and

WHEREAS, Chief Watson served with distinction as a paramedic beginning in 2001, providing lifesaving care to citizens across Shreveport from Fire Stations 4 (Allendale), 6 (MLK), 14 (Mooretown), and 3 (Youree Drive/East 70th), gaining a comprehensive understanding of the city's diverse communities and unique needs; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Chief Watson accepted the role of Training Officer at the Shreveport Fire Training Academy, where he dedicated himself to preparing the next generation of firefighters through a clear, transparent, and effective training process—an important career step inspired by the encouragement of his daughter, who recognized his ability to teach others “the way and why” he served; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and commitment to excellence led to his promotion to Assistant Chief in 2021, and later to Chief of Training in 2024, where he continued to strengthen the department through professional development, accountability, and a people-centered approach to leadership; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Chief Watson has exemplified integrity, compassion, and dedication, crediting the men and women of the Shreveport Fire Department for helping shape him not only as a firefighter, but also as a husband, father, and community leader; and

WHEREAS, Chief Watson’s service has had a lasting impact on public safety, firefighter training, and the overall strength of the Shreveport Fire Department, and his legacy will continue through the countless firefighters he has mentored and trained; and

WHEREAS, Chief Watson’s final day of service with the Shreveport Fire Department will be January 31, 2026, marking the conclusion of an extraordinary career as a Firefighter, one of the nation’s most honorable professions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize, commend, and honor **Fire Chief Brian Watson** for his more than two decades of exemplary service, leadership, and dedication to the citizens of Shreveport and Caddo Parish; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission extends its sincere appreciation and best wishes to Chief Watson and his family as he enters a well-earned retirement, with gratitude for his unwavering commitment to public safety and community service.

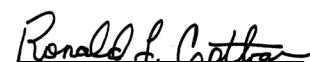
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