

## SPECIAL RESOLUTION

### HONORING THE LEGACY OF 318 FORUM MAGAZINE

WHEREAS, for more than forty-three years, **318 Forum** has served as a trusted and influential local weekly news magazine in the Shreveport-Bossier City community, providing thoughtful journalism, community storytelling, and positive inspiration throughout North Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1988, 318 Forum grew to become the publication with the largest print circulation in North Louisiana, earning a sterling reputation for excellence, integrity, and a consistent focus on uplifting the people, places, and possibilities of our region; and

WHEREAS, under the visionary leadership of its publisher, **Jay Covington**, 318 Forum chronicled the voices and achievements of countless individuals and organizations, while contributing meaningfully to city and state initiatives, raising funds for area nonprofits, and sponsoring numerous community efforts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Covington began his career in the newspaper and magazine industry at the age of nineteen in the graphics department of UpState Newsweekly, quickly rising to become the youngest production manager in the United States, before later founding Forum Magazine and dedicating his life's work to local journalism and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, 318 Forum earned numerous honors and awards, reflecting its editorial quality, community impact, and enduring relevance in a rapidly changing media landscape; and

WHEREAS, upon the publication of its final issue, Mr. Covington shared that it has been "one of the greatest privileges of my life to share the voices and inspiration of the people of our community," emphasizing that the conclusion of the magazine represents "a celebration, not an ending," and expressing deep gratitude to the staff, contributors, advertisers, and readers who made its success possible; and

WHEREAS, the conclusion of 318 Forum marks the end of an era in local journalism, leaving behind a legacy defined by positivity, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to telling the stories that matter most to the people of North Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Caddo Parish Commission** does hereby honor and recognize the extraordinary legacy of **318 Forum Magazine** for its more than four decades of service to the Shreveport-Bossier City community and the greater Caddo Parish area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission commends **Jay Covington** for his visionary leadership, dedication to excellence, and lifelong commitment to community-centered journalism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission extends its sincere appreciation to the staff, contributors, advertisers, and supporters of 318 Forum whose collective efforts shaped a publication that informed, inspired, and uplifted generations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission expresses its best wishes to Mr. Covington as he begins a well-earned new chapter, and encourages the community to remember 318 Forum fondly as a publication that truly celebrated the heart and soul of North Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the **Caddo Parish Commission** on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.