

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION**  
**REMEMBERING AND HONORING REVEREND JESSE L. JACKSON, SR.**

WHEREAS, the struggle for civil rights, social justice, and equal access to democracy has been shaped by courageous leaders whose moral clarity and tireless advocacy transformed the course of American history; and

WHEREAS, **Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.** stands among the most influential civil rights leaders of the modern era, dedicating his life to the pursuit of equality, voting rights, economic justice, and human dignity for all people; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jackson's legacy includes not only national and global leadership, but also meaningful and historic ties to the State of Louisiana and to Caddo Parish through his direct engagement in grassroots civil rights efforts; and

WHEREAS, in **1982**, Reverend Jackson participated in the historic **voter registration march from Shreveport to Baton Rouge**, a powerful demonstration calling attention to voter suppression and the urgent need for expanded access to the democratic process for African Americans and marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership with **Operation PUSH**, Reverend Jackson worked to mobilize voters, empower communities, and hold institutions accountable, reinforcing the principle that civic participation is fundamental to justice and freedom; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jackson maintained professional relationships with Louisiana media and civic leaders, including a notable friendship with Shreveport Journal editor **Stan Tiner**, reflecting his understanding of the critical role local journalism plays in shaping public awareness and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, reports by the **Orlando Sentinel** documented Reverend Jackson's continued engagement with Louisiana affairs, including a 1987 outreach to coordinate media coverage surrounding a meeting with then-Governor **Edwin Edwards**, further underscoring his sustained involvement in the state's political and civil rights landscape; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. is one of moral courage, prophetic leadership, and unwavering commitment to justice—an enduring reminder that progress is achieved through persistence, sacrifice, and collective action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Caddo Parish Commission** does hereby remember, reflect upon, and honor the enduring civil rights legacy of **Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.**, and his meaningful contributions to the advancement of voting rights and social justice in Louisiana and throughout the nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes Reverend Jackson's historic participation in the 1982 voter registration march originating in Shreveport as a defining moment in the Parish's civil rights history; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission encourages present and future generations to study, honor, and carry forward the principles embodied in Reverend Jackson's life and work—justice, equality, civic engagement, and respect for human dignity.

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