

## Special Resolution of Remembrance

**WHEREAS**, the Caddo Parish Commission is deeply heartbroken by the tragic and senseless loss of eight young lives and the severe injuries of additional victims in Shreveport on April 19, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, this unimaginable act of violence has shaken our entire community to its core, leaving families grieving, neighborhoods mourning, and our parish united in sorrow; and

**WHEREAS**, Jayla Elkins (3), Shayla Elkins (5), Baylon Snow (5), Kayla Pugh (6), Khedarrion Snow (6), Layla Pugh (7), Markaydon Pugh (10), and Sariah Snow (11) were precious children whose lives were full of promise, and they were deeply loved by their families, friends, and all who knew them, and their absence leaves a void that cannot be filled; and

**WHEREAS**, in times of such profound grief, it is the duty of this Commission to stand alongside the affected families and all those impacted, offering our deepest condolences, unwavering support, and collective prayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Caddo Parish community has long demonstrated resilience, compassion, and unity in the face of tragedy, and it is in this spirit that we must now come together to comfort one another; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that we as a community not only mourn, but also commit ourselves to honoring the memory of those lost and injured by fostering love, protection, and opportunity for all children, and by working collaboratively to foster an environment that respects life and discourages domestic violence;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby express its profound grief and sorrow at the loss of these children, wishes healing and recovery for those the injured victims still battling to heal, and extends its heartfelt condolences to their families, loved ones, and all those affected by this devastating event; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission urges all citizens of Caddo Parish to lift up in prayer and support the families and communities impacted, offering compassion, kindness, and understanding in the days and weeks ahead; and

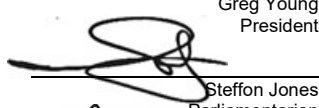
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we call upon community leaders, organizations, and residents to come together in unity to identify meaningful ways to honor the lives lost, ensuring their memories endure as a call to action for peace, protection, and care for our women & children; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Caddo Parish Commission reaffirms its commitment to working with all partners to strengthen the safety, well-being, and future of families in our parish; and

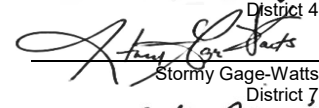
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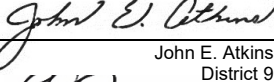
  
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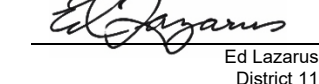
  
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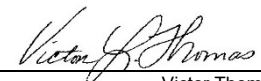
  
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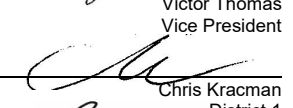
  
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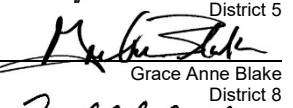
  
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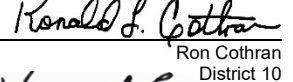
  
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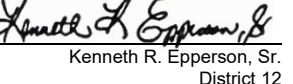
  
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