



# *Caddo Parish Commission*

## *Special Resolution of Recognition Dr. Hattie Lewis Wade*

WHEREAS, Dr. Hattie Lewis Wade was born in Cotton Valley, Louisiana, reared in Monroe, Louisiana, and received her early education at Little Flower Catholic School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wade pursued higher education with distinction, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education with a concentration in piano and choral conducting from Grambling State University, a Master of Education from Louisiana State University, and the prestigious Doctorate of Sacred Music from Temple College in Cincinnati, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wade faithfully served the students of the Caddo Parish School System as a dedicated music educator for more than twenty years, inspiring generations of young people through excellence in music education and earning numerous superior ratings and sweepstakes honors with her middle and high school choirs and piano groups; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wade demonstrated extraordinary leadership as Director of Music for the city-wide youth rally choir, helping to grow the choir to more than 600 voices and creating opportunities for countless youth to develop their talents and strengthen their faith through music; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wade devoted more than thirty years of distinguished service as Organist and Director of Music for the National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc., and in recognition of her immeasurable impact and legacy, the Convention renamed its music department "The Hattie Wade Academy of Music & Arts" upon her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wade's gifts and talents have reached beyond local and national borders, as she has shared her expertise through music workshops and educational classes in Australia and Switzerland; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wade recently retired after an extraordinary 59 and one-half years of faithful service as Pianist and Director/Minister of Music at Galilee Baptist Church, where her ministry touched countless lives through worship, mentorship, and musical excellence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hattie Wade's lifelong dedication to education, ministry, music, and service has made a lasting impact upon the citizens of Caddo Parish and far beyond, leaving a legacy of faith, excellence, and inspiration for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize and honor Dr. Hattie Lewis Wade for her remarkable lifetime of service, leadership, and contributions to music education and ministry, and extend sincere gratitude and appreciation for her unwavering commitment to the community and the Kingdom of God.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be presented to Dr. Hattie Lewis Wade as an expression of highest esteem, admiration, and appreciation for her outstanding legacy of service.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED this 31st day of May, 2026.

Attest:

Victor L. Thomas  
Caddo Parish Commission  
Vice-President

Roy Burrell  
Caddo Parish Commission  
District 5