

**A SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION HONORING THE LIFE
AND LEGACY OF REVEREND DR. E. EDWARD JONES, SR.
ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PASSING**

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. E. Edward Jones, Sr. was a devoted minister of the Gospel, a community leader, civil rights advocate, educator, public servant, and pastor whose life's work strengthened Caddo Parish, the City of Shreveport, the State of Louisiana, and communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jones faithfully served as pastor of Galilee Baptist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana, where his ministry extended beyond the walls of the church and into the civic, educational, social, and spiritual life of the broader community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jones believed deeply in the dignity of all people and committed his life to advancing justice, opportunity, education, faith, and service; and

WHEREAS, during a critical period in the history of Caddo Parish and the American South, Reverend Jones gave courageous leadership in the struggle for civil rights, voting rights, school integration, equal opportunity, and full citizenship for African Americans and other marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jones was among the early African Americans to serve on the Caddo Parish Police Jury, the governing body that preceded the Caddo Parish Commission, helping to open doors for broader Black political participation, representation, and leadership in parish government; and

WHEREAS, his public service helped mark a meaningful chapter in the continuing journey toward representative government, civic inclusion, and shared responsibility in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jones also served with distinction as a national religious leader, including his longtime leadership within the National Baptist Convention of America, where he was recognized for his preaching, administrative leadership, prophetic witness, and commitment to the social mission of the church; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jones' influence reached across generations, encouraging young people, pastors, lawyers, educators, elected officials, community servants, and ordinary citizens to use their gifts in service to God and humanity; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Jones attended Grambling College, NOW GSU, in Grambling, Louisiana where he excelled in academics, became Student Government Association President, and was a Charter Member of Alpha Phi Alpha's Delta Sigma Chapter in 1952 and was a true testament to the motto, "First of All, Servants of All, Transcend All;" and

WHEREAS, his legacy is remembered not only through his titles and accomplishments, but through the many lives he shaped, the institutions he strengthened, the leaders he encouraged, and the community he loved; and

WHEREAS, June 9, 2026 marks the 10th anniversary of the passing of Reverend Dr. E. Edward Jones, Sr., providing an appropriate occasion to pause in remembrance, thanksgiving, and renewed commitment to the values he embodied; and

WHEREAS, the remembrance of Reverend Jones' life calls the citizens of Caddo Parish to honor his legacy not only with words, but with continued service, courage, faith, unity, justice, and investment in the next generation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize and honor the life, service, and enduring legacy of Reverend Dr. E. Edward Jones, Sr. on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of his passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission acknowledges Reverend Jones' historic role in public service, including his service on the Caddo Parish Police Jury, his contributions to civil rights and community advancement, and his lasting impact upon Caddo Parish and beyond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this recognition be extended to his family, Galilee Baptist Church, and all who continue to preserve and advance the legacy of Reverend Dr. E. Edward Jones, Sr.