

**A SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION RECOGNIZING
CARLA GRACE HEARD AS THE INAUGURAL WINNER OF CADDO'S RISING
STAR: BE CADDO'S 12TH STAR.**

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo established Caddo's Rising Star: Be Caddo's 12th Star, a parishwide talent competition created to showcase the extraordinary talents, creativity, and promise of young people throughout Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural competition welcomed talented youth ages six through nineteen from throughout Caddo Parish to compete in a variety of performance categories before advancing through auditions, qualifying rounds, and the Grand Finale held at the Shreveport Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, despite initial skepticism regarding the success of a first-year competition of this scale, Caddo's Rising Star exceeded expectations by drawing remarkable participation, enthusiastic community support, and outstanding performances from talented young artists across the parish; and

WHEREAS, Carla Grace Heard, a talented thirteen-year-old vocalist, distinguished herself throughout the competition through her poise, confidence, dedication, and exceptional musical ability; and

WHEREAS, Carla captivated audiences and judges alike through her performances of "Love on Top" by Beyoncé and "I Have Nothing" by Whitney Houston, showcasing vocal talent far beyond her years; and

WHEREAS, Carla was awarded the competition's Grand Prize of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) and earned the title of the first-ever Caddo's Rising Star, while also receiving the Caddo's Choice Audience Award and its accompanying Five Hundred Dollar (\$500) prize; and

WHEREAS, Carla is a dedicated student, talented saxophone player, active church participant, and a young person whose character, faith, determination, and family support exemplify the bright future of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to publicly recognize Carla Grace Heard for her outstanding achievement and for serving as an inspiration to young people throughout our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in regular session convened that it does hereby congratulate and recognize Carla Grace Heard as the inaugural winner of Caddo's Rising Star: Be Caddo's 12th Star and recipient of the Caddo's Choice Audience Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission commends Carla for her talent, dedication, and exemplary representation of the youth of Caddo Parish and wishes her continued success in all future endeavors.

THUS ADOPTED by the Caddo Parish Commission, in legal and regular session convened this ___ day of _____, 2026.