



SPECIAL RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 190TH BIRTHDAY OF "C.C." ANTOINE

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission proudly commemorates the 190th anniversary of the birth of Caesar Carpentier "C.C." Antoine, an esteemed public servant, military officer, businessman, civil rights advocate, and pioneering Louisiana statesman whose life and legacy remain deeply connected to Caddo Parish; and
WHEREAS, C.C. Antoine was born in New Orleans in 1836 into a family of free people of color and was educated in both French and English; and

WHEREAS, during the Civil War, C.C. Antoine organized a company of Black soldiers for service in the Union Army, was elected captain, and courageously served his country at a pivotal moment in American history; and

WHEREAS, following the Civil War, C.C. Antoine moved to Shreveport, where he became a successful businessman, property owner, community leader, and devoted advocate for the advancement of the people of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, in 1868, C.C. Antoine participated in Louisiana's constitutional convention and was elected to represent Caddo Parish in the Louisiana State Senate, where he worked to strengthen local government, improve public services, and expand opportunities for the citizens of Northwest Louisiana, and his legislative accomplishments included sponsoring measures supporting the establishment of Shreveport's first charity hospital and authoring legislation through which Shreveport achieved legal status as a city; and

WHEREAS, C.C. Antoine was elected Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana in 1872 and served from 1873 until 1877, becoming one of only three Black Louisianans to hold that office during the Reconstruction era; and

WHEREAS, throughout his public career, C.C. Antoine earned recognition as a principled and trustworthy leader who opposed government corruption and remained committed to equal rights, honest government, civic progress, and the welfare of the people he served; and

WHEREAS, C.C. Antoine continued his advocacy following Reconstruction as a co-founder and vice president of the Comité des Citoyens, an organization formed to challenge racial discrimination and segregation and which later supported the historic legal challenge that became Plessy v. Ferguson; and

WHEREAS, C.C. Antoine remained an influential resident of Shreveport until his death on September 10, 1921, leaving a legacy of courage, leadership, perseverance, and public service that continues to inspire the citizens of Caddo Parish and the State of Louisiana, and his enduring contributions are commemorated locally through C.C. Antoine Park, the annual C.C. Antoine Black History Month Celebration, and the continued study and recognition of his extraordinary place in Louisiana history; and

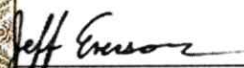
WHEREAS, the 190th anniversary of C.C. Antoine's birth provides a fitting occasion to honor his remarkable achievements, preserve his memory, and reaffirm the importance of courageous and inclusive leadership in the continuing pursuit of equality and justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby commemorate the 190th anniversary of the birth of Caesar Carpentier "C.C." Antoine and expresses its profound appreciation for his distinguished military service, groundbreaking political leadership, commitment to civil rights, and lasting contributions to Caddo Parish, the City of Shreveport, the State of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission encourages all citizens to learn from and celebrate the life of C.C. Antoine and to preserve his legacy as a pioneering statesman whose vision, integrity, and service helped shape the history of our community.

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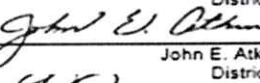

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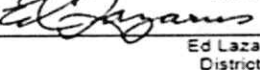

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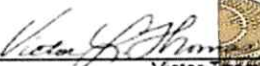

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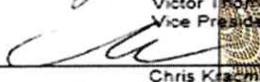

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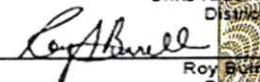

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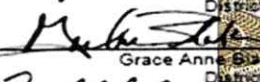

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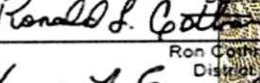

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