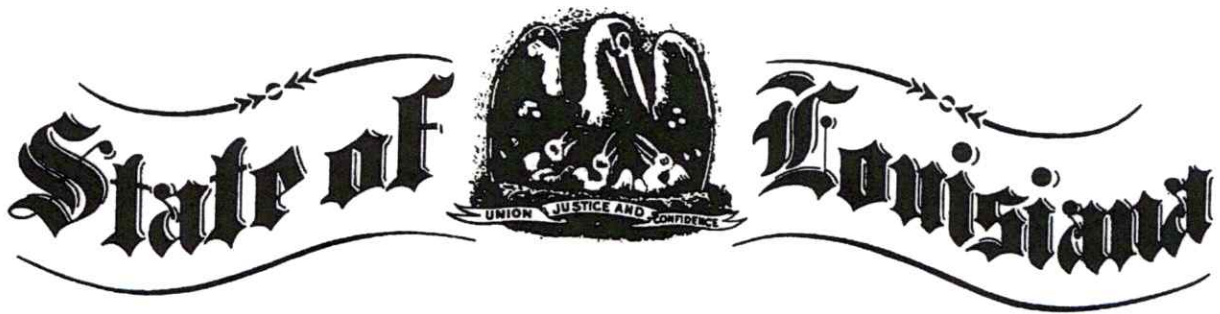




SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION for OFFICER SUSAN MENDELS

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission takes great pride in recognizing the dedicated men and women of law enforcement whose courage, professionalism, and commitment to public safety protect the citizens of Caddo Parish each and every day; and

WHEREAS, Shreveport Police Officer **Susan Mendels** has distinguished herself through her service to the citizens of Shreveport and Caddo Parish and through the extraordinary courage she demonstrated while responding to a dangerous incident in the early morning hours of July 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 4:30 a.m., Officer Mendels responded to a call involving a fight following earlier confrontations at other locations, and upon her arrival she was suddenly confronted by an armed individual who drew a firearm and opened fire, striking Officer Mendels in the right side of her chest; and

WHEREAS, although the impact of the gunshot was stopped by her protective vest, Officer Mendels found herself in an immediate, life-threatening situation and, despite having just been shot, demonstrated remarkable composure, training, and courage by responding to the threat and bringing the dangerous encounter to an end; and

WHEREAS, even amid the chaos and danger of an armed confrontation, Officer Mendels maintained the discipline and presence of mind expected of the very best in law enforcement, responding in a controlled manner that protected innocent members of the public and prevented others from being injured; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mendels' actions that morning serve as a powerful reminder that the men and women who wear the badge may, without warning, be called upon to make consequential decisions in a matter of seconds while placing their own lives at risk for the protection of people they may never have met; and

WHEREAS, the injuries Officer Mendels sustained during this incident extended beyond the immediate impact of the gunshot, requiring months of physical therapy as she worked to overcome nerve-related injury to her shoulder and regain the strength necessary to return to duty; and

WHEREAS, throughout her recovery, Officer Mendels has demonstrated the same determination and resilience that she displayed on July 5, and the Caddo Parish Commission joins her family, colleagues, and community in celebrating her continued recovery and anticipated return to service; and

WHEREAS, Officer Susan Mendels exemplifies the courage, professionalism, restraint, and devotion to duty that the citizens of Caddo Parish hope for in those entrusted with their protection, and her actions are deserving of the gratitude and recognition of this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Caddo Parish Commission**, meeting in legal and regular session, does hereby recognize and commend **SHREVEPORT POLICE OFFICER SUSAN MENDELS** for her extraordinary courage and professionalism in the line of duty; expresses its profound gratitude for her commitment to protecting the lives and safety of others; and extends its sincere wishes for her complete recovery and a safe and successful return to duty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission asks all citizens of Caddo Parish to join in honoring Officer Mendels for her service and sacrifice and in recognizing the courage required of those law enforcement officers who answer the call to protect our community each day.

THUS DONE AND RESOLVED, this 17th day of September, 2026, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

ATTEST:

Jeff Everson
Commission Clerk


Greg Young
President
John Paul Young
District 4