SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION for LEON JOSEPH

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission takes great pride in recognizing outstanding individuals whose dedication to military service, professional excellence, and community involvement exemplifies the highest ideals of leadership, patriotism, and service to others; and

WHEREAS, **Leon Joseph**, a native of Shreveport, Louisiana, and son of distinguished biochemist and author Dr. Linda Bobby Johnson, has built an admirable legacy of achievement through more than two decades of honorable military service, educational advancement, and meaningful contributions to communities across our nation; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation from North Little Rock High School in 1999, Mr. Joseph attended the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, where he was commissioned as an officer in the United States Army through the Golden Lion Battalion in 2003 and earned his Bachelor of Science in Physical Education in 2004; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished military career, Mr. Joseph demonstrated exceptional courage, discipline, and leadership, successfully completing four overseas combat command tours and earning the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of his outstanding performance and dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, during more than 20 years of service to the United States Army, Mr. Joseph assumed important leadership responsibilities, including serving as a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Equal Opportunity Program Manager for the Army National Guard and as a U.S. Army liaison to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Natural Disaster Response Support Center, helping coordinate critical support during times of national need; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of continued professional development, Mr. Joseph furthered his education by earning a Master of Business Administration from Columbia Southern University, demonstrating his commitment to lifelong learning and effective leadership; and

WHEREAS, beyond his military accomplishments, Mr. Joseph has demonstrated a genuine passion for helping others through his sponsorship of the Dallas Independent School District Special Olympics, volunteer service supporting women residing in a domestic violence shelter, and the organization of clothing drives benefiting individuals and families in Washington, D.C., demonstrated his commitment to fellowship, brotherhood, and community involvement through his membership in Busy Bee Masonic Lodge No. 345 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and as a Fall 2002 initiate of the Gamma Sigma Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement from the United States Army after more than two decades of dedicated service, Mr. Joseph stands as an inspiring example of the accomplishments that can be achieved through perseverance, educational achievement, personal integrity, and an unwavering commitment to serving one's country and fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is especially proud to recognize this Shreveport native whose distinguished military career and continuing dedication to others reflect favorably upon his hometown and serve as an inspiration to future generations of young people throughout Caddo Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission, in regular session convened, does hereby extend its sincere congratulations, appreciation, and special recognition to **LEON JOSEPH** for his distinguished service to the United States Army, his exemplary professional accomplishments, and his enduring commitment to improving the lives of others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission expresses its profound gratitude for his more than 20 years of military service, including four overseas combat command tours, and commends his continued dedication to education, community service, and the principles of leadership and civic responsibility.

ATTEST:

Victor L. Thomas
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Commission Clerk