SPECIAL RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE

120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE FAIR OF LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission takes great pride in recognizing the organizations, institutions, and traditions that have contributed to the rich cultural heritage, economic vitality, and community spirit of Caddo Parish and Northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the State Fair of Louisiana, established in 1906, celebrates its 120th anniversary in 2026, marking twelve decades of bringing families, friends, businesses, and communities together through entertainment, education, agriculture, commerce, and the celebration of Louisiana's unique heritage; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the State Fair of Louisiana has grown into one of our region's most cherished annual traditions, welcoming generations of fairgoers to Shreveport and Caddo Parish and creating lasting memories through its exhibitions, livestock competitions, agricultural displays, midway attractions, musical performances, and distinctive fairground foods; and

WHEREAS, the State Fair has long served a purpose beyond entertainment, providing an important showcase for Louisiana agriculture, industry, craftsmanship, and innovation, while offering educational opportunities for young people, including generations of 4-H and FFA participants who have developed leadership, responsibility, and practical skills through their involvement; and

WHEREAS, throughout its remarkable history, the State Fair of Louisiana has witnessed extraordinary changes in transportation, technology, entertainment, and American society, yet has remained a beloved gathering place where traditions are passed from one generation to the next and the shared experiences of our community are celebrated; and

WHEREAS, the State Fair also represents an important economic and cultural asset to Caddo Parish, attracting visitors from throughout Louisiana and neighboring states, supporting local businesses and vendors, creating opportunities for entrepreneurs, and contributing to the identity of Shreveport as a regional destination for recreation and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes that the enduring success of the State Fair of Louisiana is a testament to the vision of its founders and the dedication of generations of board members, administrators, employees, exhibitors, volunteers, sponsors, and community partners whose collective efforts have sustained this treasured institution for 120 years; and

WHEREAS, as the State Fair of Louisiana celebrates this historic milestone, the Caddo Parish Commission expresses its appreciation for an institution that has enriched the lives of countless residents, strengthened the bonds of community, and demonstrated that some of our most meaningful traditions are those that bring people of all ages and backgrounds together in celebration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize and congratulate the **STATE FAIR OF LOUISIANA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 120TH ANNIVERSARY,** celebrating its extraordinary legacy of service to the people of Caddo Parish, Northwest Louisiana, and the State of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission extends its sincere appreciation to all those who have contributed to the Fair's success throughout its distinguished history and offers its best wishes for continued growth, prosperity, and another century of unforgettable experiences for the families and communities it serves.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Special Resolution be presented to the leadership of the State Fair of Louisiana as a lasting expression of the admiration, gratitude, and congratulations of the Caddo Parish Commission and the citizens of Caddo Parish.

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