Special Resolution Honoring

Apostle Dr. Rick Layton

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission takes great pleasure in recognizing individuals whose lives exemplify extraordinary faith, compassionate leadership, and an unwavering commitment to uplifting others and strengthening the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, APOSTLE DR. RICK LAYTON, alongside his wife and ministry partner, Dr. Barbara Layton, founded Refreshing Point Ministries in Shreveport, Louisiana, where for more than three decades they have devoted themselves to spiritual enrichment, education, mentorship, and community outreach, positively impacting countless individuals and families throughout Caddo Parish and beyond; and

WHEREAS, a respected Bible teacher, accomplished author, and nationally recognized spiritual leader, Dr. Layton has inspired audiences through his books, broadcasts, conferences, and digital ministry, sharing practical teachings on faith, personal growth, leadership, and overcoming life's challenges, while mentoring pastors and emerging leaders across the nation; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to developing future generations of spiritual leaders led to the establishment of the Word of Faith Bible Institute and Christian counseling education programs, including an initiative that graduated 32 licensed pastoral counselors, while his leadership conferences and Gathering of the Eagles have fostered fellowship, cooperation, and unity among ministers of diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that meaningful ministry extends beyond the walls of the church, Dr. Layton has championed numerous initiatives serving disadvantaged youth and families, including summer educational programs, school partnerships, mentoring opportunities, back-to-school celebrations, youth enrichment activities, and athletic camps designed to encourage academic achievement, personal development, and positive life choices; and

WHEREAS, his compassion and commitment to community service have been demonstrated through the Joshua Project, which assisted families displaced by Hurricane Katrina with housing, food, medical assistance, and employment resources, as well as ongoing charitable initiatives providing holiday meals, household necessities, financial education, and life-changing assistance to families in need; and

WHEREAS, through his enduring partnership with Dr. Barbara Layton, his dedication to family, and his remarkable legacy of faith in action, Dr. Rick Layton has exemplified the power of servant leadership, inspiring others to recognize their potential, embrace their purpose, and extend compassion and generosity to their neighbors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby extend its highest commendation and heartfelt appreciation to APOSTLE DR. RICK LAYTON for his exceptional spiritual leadership, decades of faithful service, and extraordinary contributions to the religious, educational, and humanitarian life of Caddo Parish; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission celebrates his enduring legacy of service, recognizes the countless lives enriched through his ministry, and extends its sincere best wishes to Dr. Layton and his family for continued health, happiness, and success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Special Resolution be presented to Apostle Dr. Rick Layton as a lasting expression of the admiration, gratitude, and respect of the Caddo Parish Commission and the citizens of Caddo Parish.

ATTEST:

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