

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2019

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE RALPH D. BALENTINE AND TO DEDICATE THE 3400 AND 3500 BLOCKS OF MANSFIELD ROAD FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMAN GRAYSON BOUCHER

WHEREAS, Ralph D. Balentine passed away on April 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport pauses to reflect upon the life and legacy of Ralph D. Balentine for his long and productive life of service to his God, his family, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Ralph D. Balentine was instrumental in building and managing Shreveport Manor Nursing Home and Roseview Nursing Center; and

WHEREAS, Ralph D. Balentine later started Medical Transportation and Balentine Ambulance Service; and

WHEREAS, Ralph D. Balentine was also a devout Gideon, assisting in distribution of Bibles to all parts of the world in various languages; and

WHEREAS, Ralph D. Balentine dedicated his life to the service of others. His commitment to excellence, his personal involvement in each of his businesses, and his love for his employees and the patients he served, insured compassionate care of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, Ralph D. Balentine exhibited strong feelings of affection for the citizens of Shreveport. For many years he assisted the Shreveport Fire Department and the citizens of Shreveport, as follows:

1. He provided Emergency Transportation Services (EMS) for the general population when requested to do so by the Shreveport Fire Department (SFD);
2. He provided EMS transports to assist the SFD during major events such as Mardi Gras Parades, the Brookshires Hero's Run, and the Independence Bowl;
3. He used his employees to staff SFD EMS units during funerals;
4. He used his contacts, expertise and good will to successfully lobby Louisiana Legislators for legislation that benefited the City of Shreveport;

5. He was available to assist the SFD Academy upon request; and

WHEREAS, Ralph D. Balentine lived a life filled with helping others, which was made complete with sharing his love and his life with his wife, LaVeta Cloud Balentine, children, Pam McBeath, Darrell Balentine, and Rhonda Balentine, and his grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Shreveport City Council recognizes Ralph D. Balentine for his many contributions to the citizens of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor on behalf of the City is authorized to dedicate the 3400 and 3500 Blocks of Mansfield Road in honor of the Ralph D. Balentine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to LaVeta Balentine, and the other resolution filed in perpetuity in the office of the Clerk of Council for the City of Shreveport.

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