

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_ 2019**

**A RESOLUTION TO THANK CHIEF PATRICIA DYAS FOR 37 YEARS AND NINE MONTHS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF SHREVEPORT AS A MEMBER OF THE SHREVEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN THE DEPARTMENT AND FOR BEING A ROLE MODEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND AFRICAN AMERICANS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**By: Councilman John Nickelson**

**WHEREAS**, Chief Patricia Dyas is retiring from the Shreveport Fire Department, after thirty seven years and nine months of service; and

**WHEREAS**, before joining the Fire Department, Chief Dyas prepared for service and leadership in her chosen profession in the following ways:

1) She graduated from C.E. Byrd High School in 1971, and Southern University, Baton Rouge, with honors in 1976; and

2) She served her country as a member of the United States Marine Corps, before being honorably discharged in 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, after returning to Shreveport, Chief Dyas joined the Shreveport Fire Department, and after graduating from the Fire Academy, served on the fire line for 5 years; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 1, 1986, Chief Dyas became a Fire Inspector with the rank of Captain, making her the first female firefighter to achieve the rank of Captain in Fire Prevention; and in 1988, Ebony Magazine recognized Captain Dyas and other women from around the nation for breaking through glass ceilings in the Fire Service; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 1, 1999, Chief Dyas became the first female Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention, and on August 2, 2011, she became the Chief of Fire Prevention, making her the first female to head up the Fire Prevention Division, and the first black female to head up a Division of the Shreveport Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Dyas continued to pursue formal educational opportunities and training throughout her career. She earned degrees and certificates from several institutions including a Master's Degree from Central Michigan University; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Dyas is a native of Shreveport who spent her formative years in the Stoner Hill Community. She has been and continues to be a role model for young people in the inner city and throughout the greater Shreveport Community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the Shreveport City Council thanks Chief Patricia Dyas for thirty seven years and nine months of service to the citizens of Shreveport as a member of the Shreveport Fire Department, for the leadership and change she brought to the department, and for the example she set for others.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Shreveport City Council congratulates Chief Patricia Dyas for her many accomplishments and promotions during her service as a member of the Shreveport Fire Department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Shreveport City Council wishes Chief Patricia Dyas a happy, fulfilling and well deserved retirement.

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