

RESOLUTION NO. 77 OF 2019

A RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE THE 1400 BLOCK OF KENNETH AVENUE AT DUNLAP STREET IN HONOR OF REVEREND RICHARD HARDY, JR. FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LAKESIDE/ALLENDALE COMMUNITY AND THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMAN WILLIE BRADFORD

WHEREAS, Reverend Richard Hardy, Jr., a minister, visionary pastor, teacher, civic leader, counselor, mentor, spiritual leader and a legend in the Lakeside/Allendale Community, continuously served people daily through his pastoral journey; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Richard Hardy, Jr. served as Pastor of St. Mary Baptist Church for over 47 years and was committed to making a positive difference to his congregation and to citizens throughout the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Richard Hardy, Jr. was born August 17, 1933 in Shreveport, Louisiana. He was married to Mrs. Mary Ross Hardy; together they had three sons, Reverend Doctor Michael Hardy, Maurice Hardy, and Carlton Hardy, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Richard Hardy, Jr. was a 1951 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School. He graduated from Grambling State University in 1964, and he was an honored veteran of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Richard Hardy, Jr's many civic and spiritual accomplishments included the following:

- First African American to be appointed to a major post in Shreveport City Government. He was appointed Administrative Assistant to Mayor L. Calhoun Allen in 1970.
- Program Coordinator- Shreveport Manpower Area Planning Council
- District Scout Executive-Norwela Council, Boy Scouts of America
- President-Baptist Ministers Fellowship
- Served as Moderator of the Independent 13th District of Churches; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Richard Hardy, Jr., served as "Spiritual Father" to many. Sure of his Eternal Home, he departed this life on December 20, 2016.

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 the many contributions of Reverend Hardy, Jr. to the citizens of Shreveport, and dedicates the 1400 Block of Kenneth Avenue (at Dunlap Street) in his honor.

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

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office