

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DEDICATE THE 6600 BLOCK OF W. CANAL BOULEVARD BETWEEN DESPOT ROAD AND AMHERST STREET TO BENJAMIN JOSEPH FINNEY JR., AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**BY: COUNCILMAN JAMES GREEN**

**WHEREAS**, Benjamin Joseph Finney, Jr., was born on July 22, 1997, in Shreveport, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Benjamin's love for sports started in the Sunset Acres neighborhood at Sunset Acres Park, where he played basketball and football; and

**WHEREAS**, Benjamin played basketball for C. E. Byrd (2012-2013), Fair Park (2013-2014) High Schools and the SPAR football (Wolfpack) and basketball (Lakers) teams; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, Benjamin attended and graduated from Huntington High School and was acknowledged for his 3.5 GPA, and his stellar performances on the football field; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2017, Benjamin, an innocent bystander, was shot several times and died from his wounds; and

**WHEREAS**, Benjamin is survived by his parents LaWanda and Benjamin Finney Sr. and four siblings, Lucian Walker, Syborio Foster, Camery Finney and Braylon Finney who cherish his memory; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 21, 2019, The Save our Sons Drop the Guns (SOS) organization will have an "In Loving Memory Of" ceremony at Sunset Acres Park, 6700 Quilen Blvd, Shreveport, Louisiana in memory of Benjamin J. Finney Jr., and all parents who suffer from the loss of a child due to gun violence are invited.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Mayor, on behalf of the City, is authorized to dedicate the 6600 block of W. Canal Boulevard between Despot Road and Amherst Street in honor of Benjamin J. Finney Jr.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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City Attorney's Office