

RESOLUTION NO. 110 OF 2020

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO DEDICATE 4140 GREENWOOD ROAD AT MARION STREET AND GREENWOOD IN HONOR OF THE LATE PASTOR WILBUR DAWSON, SR., AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMAN JERRY BOWMAN, JR.

WHEREAS, Pastor Wilbur Dawson, Sr., was born on April 29, 1948, in Shreveport, Louisiana to Lisso and Odessa Allen Dawson; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Dawson was baptized by Reverend Sam Still at the age of eight at Paige Chapel Baptist Church, in Shreveport, LA; and

WHEREAS, in 1966 Pastor Dawson graduated from Walnut Hill High School and later furthered his education at Shreveport Bible College; and

WHEREAS, in addition to becoming a licensed barber, Pastor Dawson was a renowned licensed florist where he joyfully served the community, family and friends for many years; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 1973, Pastor Dawson married Mattie Belle Green and together had four sons, Shanesel Dawson, Wilbur A. Dawson, Jr., Bryon Dawson and Keyunta Dawson; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Dawson pastored eight churches over the span of forty-four years which included: Bright Morning Star Baptist Church, Greater Smyrna Baptist Church, Walnut Grove Baptist Church, while under his leadership they built a new sanctuary, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Friendship Baptist Church, Galilee Baptist Church and Greater Hope Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2015, Pastor Dawson founded the Shadow of the Cross Church where he pastored four and a half years, the church was organized with the help of his family and the church family; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Dawson exemplified love for people by faithfully preaching the gospel, singing with choirs, and with the help of his wife, Mattie, he unified other to feeding the hungry and house homeless individuals; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Dawson was an impressionable person full of grace, with a contagious smile and gentle manner. His memory will linger in the hearts and minds of all those he touched with love, kindness, prayer and generosity.

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 4140 Greenwood Road at Marion Street and Greenwood in honor of Pastor Wilbur Dawson, Sr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with Resolution No. 156 of 2019, the dedication marker should be approximately 9 inches tall and 42 inches wide and should be placed on an existing standard or street sign if the placement is authorized by Traffic Engineering.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to Pastor Wilbur Dawson, Sr. family and the other resolution 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