

RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2021

A RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE VIKING DRIVE IN HONOR OF BESSIE D. SMITH FOR HER COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO HER COMMUNITY AND THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILWOMAN LEVETTE FULLER

WHEREAS, Bessie D. Smith is a pioneering educator, community activist, and former business woman; and

WHEREAS, Bessie D. Smith has been a leading figure in the creation and development of programs and services designed to combat poverty in the Stoner Hill community; and

WHEREAS, Bessie D. Smith continues to be a driving force by partnering with citizens to address needs and concerns that lead to community improvements; and

WHEREAS, Bessie D. Smith has served in a range of civic and professional organizations such as Caddo Community Action Agency, Inc. Board, Green Oaks High School Scholarship Board, NAACP Officer, National Council of Negro Women, and Metropolitan Planning Commission to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Bessie D. Smith has received several awards such as Caddo Association of Educators' Service Retirement Award, Caddo Parish School Board's Outstanding Service to Education and Community Service Award, and Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America 1972 and 1974; and

WHEREAS, Bessie D. Smith was married to her beloved husband, the late Willie Smith for 47 years.

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 Viking Drive in honor of Bessie D. Smith.

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

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