

RESOLUTION NO. 35 OF 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DEDICATE THE 1500 BLOCK OF KINGS HIGHWAY IN SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA IN HONOR OF CHARLES D. “CHUCK” DAIGLE, THE FIRST AND CURRENT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF OCHSNER LSU HEALTH SYSTEM – NORTH LOUISIANA AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILMAN JERRY BOWMAN, JR.

WHEREAS, Charles D. “Chuck” Daigle has served as the Chief Executive Officer for Ochsner LSU Health System – North Louisiana from its inception on October 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, meaningful improvements have created a better quality of life for the residents of Shreveport, Louisiana and the surrounding area by providing healthcare options and generating an economic impact; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daigle leads a health system that has invested \$200 million in North Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, more than 600 full-time employees and numerous physicians have been added to the health system through the leadership of Mr. Daigle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daigle was instrumental in increasing the minimum wage for several hundred employees, further improving quality of life and our economy; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport has invested millions of dollars in annual compensation merit and market adjustment increases for employees at its Kings Highway campus and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daigle has opened avenues to make healthcare more accessible with specific consideration for those in underserved communities by opening a new one million dollar Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport - Health Center on St. Vincent Avenue and increasing appointment availability at the health system’s Kings Highway campus clinics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daigle also opened avenues for healthcare and contributed to the revitalization in the Historic Highland District of Shreveport by leading the transformation of a shuttered hospital campus into Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport – St. Mary Medical Center with state-of-the-art clinics and women’s and children’s inpatient services; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, fifty million dollars has been invested in the infrastructure, equipment, and technology at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport’s Kings Highway campus; and,

WHEREAS, his vision led to increased inpatient capacity, critical care capacity, and private rooms for patients at the Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport hospital, 1541 Kings Highway; and

WHEREAS, the 1500 block of Kings Highway has been transformed through beautification and exterior lighting projects under his leadership; and

WHEREAS, Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport hospital at 1541 Kings Highway became the state's first Pediatric Trauma Program and remains the regions only Level 1 Trauma Center and most advanced stroke center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daigle has effectively led a team of healthcare professionals through a worldwide pandemic to provide extensive COVID-19 testing, patient care, and vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport opened a hospital for women and children in less than six weeks by moving services from 1541 Kings Highway to significantly expand intensive care capacity in preparation for a surge in critical care and COVID-19 patients needing access to the health system's critical care and pulmonology specialists; and

WHEREAS, in his role he contributed key information to educate the community for prevention of illness and for Open Safe SBC and safe return initiatives following the statewide COVID-19 Stay at Home order; and

WHEREAS, through a worldwide pandemic he has led a healthcare team that conducted more than 180,000 COVID-19 tests, delivered advanced and accessible patient care regardless of the ability to pay, effectively launched virtual visits and telemedicine to safely treat patients, and administered more than 30,000 COVID-19 vaccines; and

WHEREAS, while Mr. Daigle's commitment is demanding, he finds and treasures the time with his wife of 25 years, Mrs. Brandi Bollinger Daigle, and their two children, Charles Rhodes and Grayton Bollinger Daigle.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the 1500 Block of Kings Highway in Shreveport, Louisiana be dedicated in honor of Charles D. "Chuck" Daigle.

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 Charles D. "Chuck" Daigle 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