

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2021

A RESOLUTION HONORING DR. ANDIA AUGUSTIN-BILLY AS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN FACULTY MEMBER TO TENURE AT CENTENARY COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA IN THEIR 196-YEAR HISTORY AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILWOMAN LEVETTE FULLER

WHEREAS, Dr. Augustin-Billy received her Ph.D. in French Language and Literature, her M.A. in French Language and Literature, and a Certificate in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies from Washington University in St. Louis, MO. She received her B.A. in French Language and Literature from Lee University in Cleveland, TN; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Augustin-Billy served as an Assistant Professor from July 2015 until she became an Associate Professor of French and Francophone Studies in July 2021 at Centenary College of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Augustin-Billy's teaching and research fields include French literature, francophone literature, French language, literary theory, feminist theory, performance studies, cultural studies, Haitian studies, women, gender, and sexuality studies, and African diasporic studies, postcolonial; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Augustin-Billy's publications include: "Tu es ridicule!": When Black Women Speak Up and Speak Out in Ferdinand Oyono's Novels." *MIFLC Review* 19, (2020): 57-70; "A Conversation with Lavar Munroe." In *Devil in a White City: A Painting Series by Lavar Munroe*. Shreveport: Publications of The Meadows Museum of Art, 2018. 38-41, "Ayiti pa lakay ankò: Assotto Saint's Search for Home." *Journal of Haitian Studies*, 22.1 (2016): 82-105, and "The Disabled Body in the Fabliaux." *Postmedieval: A Journal of Medieval Cultural Studies* 3.2 (2012): 158-167; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Augustin-Billy is a member of the Academic Policy Council and is currently serving as the Faculty advisor for La Légion d'honneur louisianaise, the faculty advisor and organizer for La Table française, the faculty advisor for *Le Quartier français*, LLC and editor of Le Tintamarre French Language Newspaper in the Department of Foreign Languages at Centenary College, and has chaired and served on numerous other committees at Centenary College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Augustin-Billy is a member of the American Association of University Professors, African Studies Association, Caribbean Studies Association, Haitian Studies Association, and Modern Language Association; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Augustin-Billy is the recipient of numerous awards, grants, and fellowships, including the Mellon Emerging Faculty Leaders Award in 2019, the Harry Blake Education Award in 2018, and William C. Arceneaux Chair in French Studies since 2015; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Augustin-Billy speaks four languages fluently; English, French, Haitian Creole, and Spanish; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Augustin-Billy spends the summers travelling with Centenary students to Haiti teaching Haitian culture and traditions and travels with the incoming freshman class to Paris, France teaching the Paris Noir course which explores the life and history of African Americans in France; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Augustin-Billy is married to a local attorney Emmanuel Billy and is the mother of a daughter and two sons.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the City Council honors Dr. Andia Augustin-Billy as the first African American faculty member to tenure at Centenary College of Louisiana in their 196-year history.

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

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