

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2022

**A RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE THE 500 BLOCK OF EAST 84<sup>th</sup> STREET IN HONOR OF SAM J. COLEMAN, FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CEDAR GROVE COMMUNITY AND THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**BY: COUNCILMAN GRAYSON BOUCHER**

**WHEREAS**, Sam J. Coleman, was a blessing to his family, friends, and loved ones for 82 years; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a devoted husband to Mildred Coleman for 62 years, a loving father to six children, Glenn, Samuel, Beverlye, Gwendolyn, Sonia, and Wandria, and a grandfather; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a successful building contractor and business owner for more than 50 years in Shreveport; and

**WHEREAS**, he was one of the first persons to purchase a lot in Harlem Heights (Cedar Grove) in 1953, he built his home in 1958 and lived there until his passing in 2013, his wife and daughter continue to live in the family home; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Coleman organized and spearheaded National Night Out for the 400 and 500 blocks of 84<sup>th</sup> Street and received awards from 1997 through 2003 and 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, he was one of founding organizers of C.A.R.E Neighborhood Association (Cedar Grove Affirms Real Effort) in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, he was instrumental in getting the 400 and 500 blocks of 84<sup>th</sup> Street paved with sidewalks, he worked tirelessly to get funding for street repairs and paving throughout the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Coleman served at Bright Star Baptist Church in various capacities including Trustee of Deacon Board, Sunday School Superintendent and teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, he was an organizing board member of the Unity of Faith Baptist Church which is currently located at 272. E. 78<sup>th</sup> Street.

**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 500 block of East 84<sup>th</sup> Street in honor of Sam J. Coleman for his commitment and contributions to the Cedar Grove Community and the City of Shreveport.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in accordance with Resolution 156 of 2019, the dedication marker should be approximately 9 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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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City Attorney's Office