

RESOLUTION NO. 42 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND THANK MR. HERMAN VITAL FOR HIS 44 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE AS CO-FOUNDER OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S ANNUAL SICKLE CELL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILWOMAN TABATHA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Mr. Herman Vital was a co-founder of the City of Shreveport's Annual Sickle Cell Softball Tournament in 1977, and continues to work tirelessly to ensure that this event takes place annually within the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, the tournament is one of the oldest organized softball events in the Southeast and is known as "the Granddaddy of Them All"; and

WHEREAS, the Sickle Cell Softball Tournament began with 6 teams and at its peak grew to over 200 teams over the 3-day tournament weekend, some coming from as far as Chicago, California, Florida and Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, for the past 44 years, Mr. Herman Vital has worked tirelessly to ensure that the tournament is the City's premier event for fundraising in support of the cause of sickle cell disease awareness and research; and

WHEREAS, the annual Sickle Cell Tournament has been a long-standing, time-honored tradition that promotes a spirit of community cohesion for a worthwhile cause; and

WHEREAS, the annual softball tournament raises funds for the Northwest Chapter of Sickle Cell Disease Association of America to support housing, medication and transportation for its constituents affected by the sickle cell disease; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herman Vital has always refused compensation for the hundreds of hours dedicated to ensure the tournament's continued success by working on game brackets and fielding calls from participating teams; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herman Vital has imparted his knowledge and wisdom to all that he has mentored, as well as a sense of inspiration and encouragement to those under his leadership; and

WHEREAS, through Mr. Herman Vital's enduring commitment and willingness to serve, he has made invaluable contributions to the citizens of the City of Shreveport.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council for the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Shreveport City Council does hereby honor, commend and thank Mr. Herman Vital for his 44 years of dedication, hard work and outstanding public service through the City of Shreveport's Annual Sickle Cell Softball Tournament.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to Mr. Herman Vital 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