

**RESOLUTION NO. 46 OF 2022**

**A RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND CELEBRATE ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED, ZETA IOTA ZETA CHAPTER FOR THEIR 60 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**COUNCILMEMBER: JERRY BOWMAN, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Iota Zeta Chapter was chartered April 20, 1962, and will celebrate 60 years of dedicated service this year; and

**WHEREAS**, the twelve charter members were Sorors Mary Amos, Theola Goodwin, Ernie Mae Odom, Rosa Rice, Clara A. Bennett (deceased), Johnnye S. Martin (deceased), Ruby T. Powell (deceased), Juanita Rollins, Doris Breckenridge, Ruby Newton, Mildred Quarles (deceased), and Vergie Lee Specks; and

**WHEREAS**, the chapter membership increased in less than two years after it was chartered and there was an aura of excitement whenever and wherever the chapter did activities publicly; and

**WHEREAS**, an impressive Finer Womanhood Observance was held in Minden, Louisiana, which included the auxiliary group, IZ Girls, the first Miss IZ Girl was Beatrice Toney (1963), who is now a member of Zeta Iota Zeta; and

**WHEREAS**, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Iota Zeta Chapter brought to the Shreveport, Bossier City, Barksdale and surrounding areas the late classic, multi-talented Earl Grant and the periodic presentation of Earl Grant was a Zeta Iota Zeta project until his untimely death; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years with members moving to other states and some relocating to Shreveport, the chapter was large enough to make feasible two chapters in the City of Shreveport; and

**WHEREAS**, the chapter has been very active in traditions of Founders' Day, Finer Womanhood Observance, Pledge Renewal, Reclamation, Scholarships & Awards, Voter Registration Drives, Z-HOPE, Stork's Nest, Youth Groups (Archonettes, Amicettes, Pearlettes, Gems, Gents) and Amicae auxiliary; and

**WHEREAS**, a celebration will be held in honor of one living charter member Soror Juanita Rollins Adams on April 22-24, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Iota Zeta Chapter desires that they will live on forever, increase membership, and continue to provide numerous services to the community in an effort to help others excel through mind, body and spirit.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, acting in due, regular, and legal session convened, that the City Council hereby congratulates and celebrates the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Iota Zeta Chapter, for their 60 years of dedicated service.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Iota Zeta Chapter, 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:**

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**City Attorney's Office**