

RESOLUTION NO. 74 OF 2022

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DEDICATE THE 1500
BLOCK OF ABBIE STREET IN HONOR OF PASTOR JOHN H. JAMES SR.,
AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY: COUNCILWOMAN TABATHA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Pastor John H. James Sr., the son of the late Dan and Lurnandy James, Jr. was born on September 30, 1939 and attended Booker T. Washing High School in Shreveport, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Pastor James confessed to Christ at an early age at Shady Grove Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Sampson Shivers and was ordained as a minister by Pastor Dr. E. Edward Jones; and

WHEREAS, Pastor James was called to pastor his first church, Promise Land Baptist Church, in Kiblah, Arkansas; he also pastored Temple Baptist Church in Bossier City, Louisiana and Red Chute Baptist Church in Haughton, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 1966, at the age of 27, Pastor James was named pastor of Magnolia Baptist Church in Vansville, Louisiana and in 1979 he moved the church from Vansville to Shreveport where he served fifty-four (54) years, making him the longest tenure pastor of Magnolia's church history; and

WHEREAS, Pastor James participated in various events and activities including: Minister Fellowship Group, Prison and Youth Ministry, and Gospel Music Workshop of America Collaboration/Musicals. He also organized street ministry in the Allendale community and preached at local, state, and abroad revivals; and

WHEREAS, the James family funded a new bus for church transportation. He also helped with voter registration as well as campaigning for local, state, and presidential candidates; and

WHEREAS, Pastor James is the husband of Trola James and father of Angela, Johnetta, Rosie and John Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Pastor James famous words were: "Moses brought his people across the Red Sea, I brough Magnolia across the Red River!"

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that the Mayor, on behalf of the City, is authorized to dedicate the 1500 block of Abbie Street in honor of Pastor John H. James Sr.

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 all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office