

RESOLUTION NO. 78 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE THE 1100 BLOCK OF TEXAS AVENUE IN HONOR OF MARTHA K. CARTER FOR HER COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, CADDO PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT NUMBER ONE, FOR OVER 33 YEARS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILMAN BOUCHER

WHEREAS, Martha K. Carter has worked in government and public safety communications for 39 years; and

WHEREAS, prior to working for the Caddo Parish Communications District Number One, she was employed by the City of Shreveport; on November 16, 1988, Martha became the first woman in Louisiana to hold the title of 9-1-1 Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Martha K. Carter received a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Louisiana State University at Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, as the Executive Director for the Caddo Parish Communications District Number One she was responsible for the overall management and administration of the 9-1-1 emergency communications center, which receives approximately 350,000 calls per year and coordinates the public safety communications operations with all the various law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services throughout the parish; and

WHEREAS, from 2017 thorough 2020 Martha K. Carter negotiated and completed a \$15.8M project to upgrade the parish-wide analog emergency communications radio system to a new digital P25-compliant digital radio system, in 2019 she negotiated and initiated a \$700,000 technology upgrade project to update parish first responders' vehicles from RF (radio frequency) mobile data to vehicle-mounted mobile broadband routers, providing high speed internet, and in 2022 she negotiated a contract to install a Next Generation 9-1-1 capable Call Handling System which will allow call-takers to accept text and video from our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Martha K. Carter is a member of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN), the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association (LEPA), past president of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International Organization, (APCO), and the National Emergency Number Association (NENA); and

WHEREAS, Martha K. Carter received the Life Member Designation and Senior Member Designation from APCO in 2014, was named as a Top Ten Young Business Leaders by the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce in 1996, and was named as one of the 50 most influential people in the 9-1-1 industry by West Public Safety Corporation in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Martha K. Carter is involved in public safety communications throughout the State of Louisiana and has assisted in the drafting and successful passage of 9-1-1 legislation during the 1993-1996, 2008, 2010, and 2016 legislative sessions of the Louisiana Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Martha K. Carter is retiring on May 31, 2022 after more than 33 years of service with the Caddo Parish Communications District Number One.

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 1100 block of Texas Avenue in honor of Martha K. Carter for her commitment and contributions to the Emergency Communications Center, Caddo Parish Communications District Number One.

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