

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

**A RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE THE 7900 BLOCK OF AARON PLACE IN HONOR OF VELMA JOHNSON FOR HER COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDEN GARDEN COMMUNITY AND THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY: COUNCILMAN GRAYSON BOUCHER**

**WHEREAS**, Velma Johnson was a lifelong citizen of Shreveport, Louisiana and passed on February 11, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Velma Johnson moved to the Eden Garden Community in 1963 and became very active in her community where she brought awareness and embraced unity; and

**WHEREAS**, Velma Johnson organized the National Night Out, not only for her street, but for other streets as well in her community; and

**WHEREAS**, Velma Johnson kept her community informed of all policy changes regarding cleanliness and safety in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Velma Johnson kept a good repour with first responders and made sure that they were present at any festivities that would be held in her community; and

**WHEREAS**, Velma Johnson was instrumental in having a “Welcome to Eden Garden” sign placed on Rainbow Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, Velma Johnson joined the Shreveport Green Program and was able to have several gardens planted in the Eden Garden community; and

**WHEREAS**, Velma Johnson was the Girl Scout Lead for Eden Garden’s Brownie Scouts and placed a basketball goal up in her community for the youth; and

**WHEREAS**, Velma Johnson delivered food for bereaved families and sponsored back to school supply give-a-ways in her community.

**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 dedicating the 7900 block of Aaron Street in honor of Velma Johnson for her commitment and contributions to the Eden Garden community and the City of Shreveport.

**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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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:**

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City Attorney’s Office