

**RESOLUTION NO. 101 OF 2022**

**A RESOLUTION DEDICATING THE 3600 BLOCK OF TOWER DRIVE IN HONOR OF TAMEKA GOODMAN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY: COUNCILWOMAN TABATHA TAYLOR**

**WHEREAS**, Rhythm & Blues Soul Singer Tameka Goodman, better known as “Big Baby” was born December 15, 1974 in Shreveport, LA; and

**WHEREAS**, her vocal roots were planted at a very young age at the First Baptist Church on the Cooper Road, where her grandfather, the late Reverend Bennie Cornelius, was the pastor; and

**WHEREAS**, as a choir member she sang amongst her mother, Delorise Goodman, and her grandmother, First Lady Rebecca Cornelius, which were her influencers; and

**WHEREAS**, as Tameka grew into adulthood, she continued to master her craft, singing in competitions and events all over the world where she shared the stage with artist such as Snoop Dog, Jill Scott, the Whispers, Frankie Beverly and Maze, just to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, Tameka was also an established songwriter and radio personality in Shreveport. She was able to reach a diverse audience with her infectious personality; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006, Tameka recorded her debut album “Her Love Box,” at the age of 32. Her first hit song, “We Don’t Talk No More,” brought her many awards, recognitions, and respect as a new upcoming artist; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008 Tameka moved to Memphis, Tennessee where she was dubbed “The Lady of Soul,” she recorded her second album “Big Baby – Live Experience Volume 1,” which won best vocal and overall performance artist awards. In 2015, she collaborated her soulful sounds with the Amsterdam Cultural Style, making it a sensational success; and

**WHEREAS**, Tameka was not a local entertainer, she was an international performer. She will continue to live in the hearts of those who knew and loved her through her sultry voice.

**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 3600 block of Tower Drive in honor of Tameka Goodman.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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