

**RESOLUTION NO. OF 2022**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING ASHLEY MURPHY-WILSON FOR HER OUTSTANDING ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN BALLET AND THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**BY: COUNCILMAN LEVETTE FULLER**

**WHEREAS**, Ashley Murphy-Wilson was born in Shreveport, Louisiana to the parents of Herbert and Susie Murphy; and

**WHEREAS**, Ashley Murphy-Wilson at the tender age of 3, her parents placed her into 30 minute classes that consisted of ballet, tap, and creative dance; and

**WHEREAS**, Ashley Murphy-Wilson enrolled in a few serious summer intensive classes, that is when she realized her passion for dance would be backed by real potential; and

**WHEREAS**, Ashley Murphy-Wilson graduated from Caddo Magnet High School in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, Ashley Murphy-Wilson after graduation accepted a spot in New York to be a part of the Dance Theater of Harlem, where she continued to dance until 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Ashley Murphy-Wilson during her time with the Dance Theater of Harlem toured and performed in ballets such as Firebird, Serenade The Four Temperaments, Concerto Barocco; and

**WHEREAS**, Ashley Murphy-Wilson also taught for the Dance Theater of Harlem Pre-Professional Residency at the Kennedy Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Ashley Murphy-Wilson had the honor of performing at the White House, BET, Jeopardy and also represented the U.S. in cultural exchange programs in Jamaica and Honduras; and

**WHEREAS**, Ashley Murphy-Wilson joined the Artist at the Washington Ballet in 2015, where she continues to inspire young dancers of all backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, Ashley Murphy-Wilson performed many principal roles in ballets including Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux, Glinka, Nacho Duato's Coming Together, Agon, and Ulysses Dove's Dancing on the Front Porch of Heaven in addition to many others; and

**WHEREAS**, Ashley Murphy-Wilson was also featured on the cover of Pointe Magazine with Misty Copeland and Ebony Williams, in a Verizon Wireless commercial, and the Black Ballerina documentary streaming on Amazon Video; and

**WHEREAS**, Ashley Murphy-Wilson resides in Washington, D.C. with her husband Samuel Wilson; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the City Council honors Ashley Murphy-Wilson for her outstanding artistic achievements in ballet.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to Ashley Murphy-Wilson 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**