

RESOLUTION NO. 124 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION DEDICATING THE 400 BLOCK OF EAST 85TH STREET IN HONOR OF PASTOR JOHNNY L. HORTON, SR., AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMAN JAMES GREEN

WHEREAS, Pastor Johnny L. Horton, Sr, was born to the late I.T. Horton, Sr. and Catherine Johnson Horton on March 13, 1941, in Gayles, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, Pastor Horton married the former Eula Mae Thomas, to whom he was married for more than 43 years until God called her home in 2007. Seven kids were born to their union; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Pastor Horton attended the United Theological Seminary and earned a Bachelor of Theology and in 1977 Flower Hill Baptist Church elected him as pastor where he served for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Horton, began to work in the construction industry and attended Ironworkers School to further enhance his talent and in 1981 he founded Horton Construction Co., Inc., as a rebar placement specialist partnership; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Horton was the general contractor for numerous highway, bridge and street construction projects throughout the Ark-La-Tex region, and in the mid 1980's Horton Construction Company, a minority firm, built the Ockley Drive Bridge in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Horton would hire individuals getting out of prison to work in the construction field, helped minority businesses start up their operation, participated in the Distributive Education Program and purchased uniforms, backpacks, supplies and contributed financing for children going to college. He loved and did all he could for the Greater Shreveport 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 dedicate the 400 block of East 85th Street in honor of Pastor Johnny L. Horton, 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.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office