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**Shreveport Mourns Favorite Son Senator J. Bennett Johnston, Jr.**

Mayor Tom Arceneaux and the City of Shreveport mourn the passing of Retired United States Senator J. Bennett Johnston, Jr., a distinguished public servant, dedicated leader, and proud native of Shreveport.

“Senator Johnston’s legacy of service to our city, state, and nation is profound. As a Byrd High School graduate and lifelong advocate for Louisiana, he worked tirelessly to improve infrastructure, protect our natural resources, and advance policies that shaped the future of our state,” said Mayor Arceneaux. “His ability to build consensus demonstrated his deep commitment to the people he served. We are grateful for his decades of leadership and the lasting impact he leaves behind.”

First elected to the U.S. Senate in 1972 after serving eight years as a state legislator, Senator Johnston was known for his pragmatic leadership and dedication to Louisiana. A conservative Democrat, he often worked across the aisle to pass critical legislation, including securing funding for the development of Interstate 49 and championing efforts to protect Louisiana’s wetlands, national parks, and wildlife refuges.

Senator Johnston’s more than three decades of public service were marked by his unwavering focus on energy policy, economic development, and infrastructure improvements that benefitted generations of Louisianians. His thoughtful and effective leadership continues to inspire those in public service today.

The City of Shreveport extends its deepest condolences to Senator Johnston’s family, friends, and all who had the privilege of working alongside him.

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