

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCE for
DR. CHARLEY M. LESTER, JR.**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Caddo Parish Commission to give appropriate acknowledgment and recognition to individuals who have rendered invaluable service on its behalf to the citizens of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charley Lester, Jr. was born in Scottsville, Texas on February 28, 1934. After graduating from Pemberton High School at the age of 15, he began his undergraduate degree at Wiley College, where Lester pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. After completing his undergraduate degree at 18 years old, Dr. Lester continued his post-graduate studies at Howard University in Washington, DC and then Meharry College in Nashville, TN. Meharry College, 1 of only 3 Historically Black Medical Schools in the United States, saw Lester grow as a student and a leader. He served as class president all 4 years leading up to his graduation with a Doctorate of Dental Surgery in 1960. Dr. Lester then joined the United States Air Force and did a 3 year tour in England where he managed and operated a dental clinic- providing valuable service to his country and gaining valuable experience that would play a role in his continued success; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lester's dedication to education, leadership, country and dentistry were outmatch only by his dedication to his family and God. He married Julie Boston Lester in 1965 and their blessed union of 54 years produced 2 daughters Kai and Charmel. Nurtured by their loving family, both daughters went on to successful lives. Kai is a Podiatrist in Houston, TX and Charmel is a Lab Analyst in Shreveport, LA. Dr. Lester has been a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church since 1968, and was active in the choir and United Methodist Men; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lester opened Lester Dental Corporation in Shreveport's Mooretown Community in 1965 and practiced there for close to 50 years. His Dental practice gave him the opportunity to help patients throughout his career. Dr. Lester's professionalism earned him many distinctions, including memberships in the State and National Black Dental Associations, The American Dental Association, the 1st African American to be appointed to serve on the Louisiana State Board of Dental Examiners, and he was the recipient of the Louisiana Dental Association's Distinguished Service Award in 2005; and

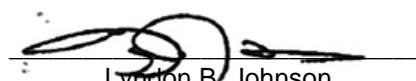
WHEREAS, dedication to helping his community led to many local leadership positions, from his service to the Caddo Community Action Agency as a board members, to his work during the Civil Rights movement, to his service on the Shreveport Home Mortgage Authority he was a consummate and respected advocate for in his community. This was perhaps most publicly evident through his election to and service on Caddo Parish Police Jury in 1971. The Police Jury later came to be known as the Caddo Parish Commission, and we especially thank those leaders, like Dr. Charley Lester, who brought us to where we are today; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby convey its deepest and most sincere expressions of gratitude and appreciation to **DR. CHARLEY LESTER, JR.** for the invaluable contributions he made during many years of selfless service to his City and Parish.

ATTEST:


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