

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCE for
PASTOR JOHNNY ARNOLD**

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, Pastor Johnny Arnold was born as the sixteenth child of Richard Arnold and Salina Lighty on August 19, 1937. After graduating from Butler High School in Hartsville, South Carolina, he pursued a life of service, family, faith and continued education. He served his country in the United States Army from 1959 to 1967 when he was honorably discharged. He continued his education with studies that included a Certificate of Welding from Albany Area Technical School in Albany, GA; a Certification as an Insurance Adjuster from National Home Study Council in Washington, D.C.; and even his studies at the National Baptist College in Nashville, TN. These studies led him to a career that included employment at Aero Commander/Ayers Cooperation for several years, and later retiring from the Dougherty County School System Transportation Department. Arnold's heart for service also saw him volunteer at Turner and Sylvandale Elementary Schools, as well as the Turner Job Corp Center; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Arnold's dedication to service and career were outmatch only by his dedication to his family and God. He married Barbara in 1960 and their blessed union of 56 years produced 2 sons: Patrick and Tony. Both sons would go on to marry and with their spouse allow Pastor Arnold to know the joy of being a Grandparent and Great Grandparent. So close was their bond that when Johnnie and Barbara renewed their vows on the occasion of their 50th anniversary, Patrick served as Best Man, Tony officiated the service as the Presiding Minister and their wives were both bridesmaids; and

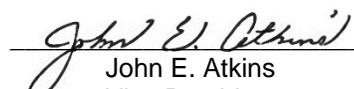
WHEREAS, Johnny Arnold began his walk with Christ at an early age being reared in Anitoch Baptist Church in McBee, South Carolina and would go on Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. Pastor Arnold was ordained in December of 1976 and guided many churches, including Mr. Moriah Baptist Church in Putney, GA and Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Waycross, GA. He also served in rolls such as State Missions Director of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc.; Moderator of the Fowltown Missionary Baptist Association; President of the Blue Springs Missionary Baptist Association; and Secretary of the Albany Baptist Minister's Conference; and a certified Chaplain for Health Care Ministries; and

WHEREAS, Arnold was called home on June 4th, 2021. In going home to be with his God, Pastor Arnold will also be united with his loving wife, parents and siblings and leaves behind a legacy of family, faith and service that includes a blessed family that includes esteemed Caddo Parish residents Tony Arnold and his wife Regina; 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 **PASTOR JOHNNY ARNOLD** for the invaluable contributions he made during many years of selfless service to this world.

ATTEST:


Lyndon B. Johnson
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