

RESOLUTION NO. 110 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION DEDICATING THE 400 BLOCK OF ABILENE STREET IN HONOR OF CARITA GRAY AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMAN ALAN JACKSON, JR.

WHEREAS, Carita Gray was born and raised in the Cedar Grove neighborhood until she passed away on August 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, she worked for Caddo Parish School for 20 years at Hamilton Terrace Learning Center in many roles until they closed in 2013, and then she transferred to Caddo Middle Magnet; and

WHEREAS, Carita loved her children and would keep lunch money on hand for the students that would visit her office, hungry or in need; and

WHEREAS, she would buy clothes, shoes, school supplies for the children in the neighborhood and teach them reading, writing, and math during summer camps from her house, as well as take them on field trips to the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum; and

WHEREAS, Carita was known as the freeze cup and candy lady for years, she threw slumber parties and would have hot dogs, cake and ice-cream parties for the children. She also helped the mothers in the neighborhood by babysitting, so they could go to work; and

WHEREAS, she loved family, children and her city. She did her part in helping keep the city clean, every Saturday morning, by cleaning the vacant lot at 406 Abilene Street as well as helped the elderly neighbors by cutting their grass; and

WHEREAS, Carita was a poet and comedian. She had friends of all ages. She believed in helping her community to not only be clean but positive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that the Mayor, on behalf of the City, is authorized to dedicate the 400 block of Abilene Street, in honor of Carita Gray.

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office