

**RESOLUTION NO. 145 OF 2024**

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE PASTOR EDUARDO “ED” GONZALES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**BY: COUNCILMAN TALIAFERRO**

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Eduardo Gonzales, affectionately known as Ed, lived a life devoted to service; and

**WHEREAS**, dropping out of school at the age of 15, he lied about his age to join the United States Army, where he served six years; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Ed’s dedication to his community extended beyond his military service; from 2006 to 2018 he served as an auxiliary officer for the Shreveport Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, as a survivor of physical abuse and overdosing at the age of 17, he found his calling to preach; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Ed served as the head pastor of Linwood Baptist Church at 1622 Midway, for 21 years, providing spiritual guidance to countless individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018 Pastor Ed transitioned to the role of Police Chaplain after completing training with the International Conference of Police Chaplains; and

**WHEREAS**, as Chaplain, he became a cherished member of the Shreveport Police Department family, often attending roll calls and offering prayers for officers before they started their shifts; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Ed was known for his humility, kindness, and unwavering faith, his legacy will continue through all the lives he touched, within the Shreveport Police Department and in the community.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened that the Shreveport City Council hereby recognizes Pastor Eduardo “Ed” Gonzales for his many years of service.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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City Attorney’s Office