

RESOLUTION NO. 52 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING RON SMITH, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMAN JAMES GREEN

WHEREAS, Ron Smith, a gifted artist, has created a unique and deeply personal body of work, drawing from his life experiences and the influential figures in his life, and

WHEREAS, Ron's art is a mixture of his childhood in Belcher, Louisiana, and his later academic and professional influences, blending realism and abstraction to express his personal journey, and

WHEREAS, his abstract piece, "My Story," incorporates elements of his heritage, such as burlap in homage to his grandmother, who instilled in him the belief that he could do achieve anything he set his mind to, and sheet music as a tribute to his music teacher, who guided him toward a life of art, music and higher education; and

WHEREAS, following a life-changing motorcycle accident that left him with broken wrists and required months of rehabilitation, Ron found joy and peace in painting again after a 29-year hiatus. His son, Austin, a visual artist/illustrator, inspired him to pick up the brushes once again; and

WHEREAS, Ron's contributions to both the local and broader artistic community have earned him respect and admiration from both his peers and the public. As Ron says, "I just want to leave this place better than where I found it. From art, to life, to music, to just learning how to treat people. Learn to love and respect a person for who they are and not who you want them to be."

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 recognizes Ron Smith for his artistic vision, dedication to his craft, and may his journey continue to inspire and motivate future generations of artists.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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

City Attorney's Office