

RESOLUTION NO. 15 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION DEDICATING THE 1800 BLOCK OF HICKORY STREET IN HONOR OF COACH CLARENCE CONWAY AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILMAN GARY BROOKS

WHEREAS, the Shreveport City Council gathers to honor and celebrate the extraordinary life and legacy of Clarence Conway, affectionately known as "Coach," born on August 14, 1931, in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Coach Conway distinguished himself as an outstanding athlete during his youth, earning a basketball scholarship to Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and later serving in the military during the Korean War before completing his education and obtaining a degree in Physical Education; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Coach Conway began his teaching and coaching career at the newly established Bethune Junior/Senior High School, where he inspired and nurtured students, becoming head baseball coach in 1964; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Bethune achieved historic success, becoming the only school in Caddo Parish to win the Louisiana Interscholastic Athletic and Literary Organization (L.I.A.L.O.) State Baseball Championship, with Coach Conway leading his team back to the state finals two years later, narrowly missing a second title; and

WHEREAS, beyond championships, Coach Conway's dedication to character-building and talent development resulted in countless opportunities for his players, including scholarships and professional careers; and

WHEREAS, Coach Conway's legacy as a trailblazer in sports and education, marked by his leadership, compassion, and dedication to excellence, has left an indelible impact on his students, the Mooretown community, and future generations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that the Council does hereby honor and celebrate the life and contributions of Clarence "Coach" Conway, recognizing his enduring legacy in the hearts and minds of those he impacted.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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