

RESOLUTION NO. 191 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL OF CENTENARY COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMEN BROOKS AND TALIAFERRO

WHEREAS, the College of Louisiana was established in 1825, by the state legislature in Jackson, Louisiana, quickly establishing itself as one of the nation's leading colleges; and

WHEREAS in 1841, Centenary College opened in Brandon Springs, Mississippi, the merger of these two institutions created Centenary College of Louisiana in 1845, which is today the oldest institution of higher learning in the state; and

WHEREAS, Centenary College faced challenges during the Civil War but was revived in the early 20th century with a move to Shreveport in 1908; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history in Northwest Louisiana, Centenary College has been a leading educator in its region, establishing itself as Shreveport-Bossier's college, exceling in providing a premier liberal arts education and preparing students to become global citizens to lead productive lives of vitality and purpose; and

WHEREAS, Centenary College generates significant economic benefit for the Northwest Louisiana region, and enriches the local population with its cultural, intellectual, and athletics activities available to the public; and

WHEREAS, Centenary College has shown significant growth in enrollment, academic programming, and extracurricular offerings in its last decade and is committed to continued growth and excellence as it enters its third century in 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that the City Council joins in celebrating the upcoming Bicentennial of Centenary College, officially starting on January 8, 2025, and recognizes its longstanding contributions to higher education, the State of Louisiana, and the Northwest Louisiana community.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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