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Dedicating the 3400 block of Mertis Avenue in honor of Cleveland R. White, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (G/Bowman)

RESOLUTION NO. 131 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION DEDICATING THE 3400 BLOCK OF MERTIS AVENUE IN HONOR OF CLEVELAND R. WHITE AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILWOMAN URSULA BOWMAN

WHEREAS, Cleveland R. White was born on December 17, 1951, in Minden, Louisiana, and is the youngest of three children; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Webster High School in 1969, earned a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Grambling State University in 1973, a Master of Arts in Music Education from Louisiana Tech University in 1982, a Master's Plus Thirty and Certification in Secondary School Principalship from Centenary College in 1999, and furthered his education at Vander-Cook Conservatory of Music, LSU Shreveport, Texas Tech University, and Northwestern State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White dedicated thirty-eight years to the Caddo Parish School System, including roles as Band Director at Fair Park High School, Assistant Principal & Principal at Green Oaks Performing Arts Magnet High School, Personnel Administrator and Director of Human Resources/ Classified Personnel; and

WHEREAS, he developed the Fair Park High School Instrumental Music Department from 18 to over 250 students, while earning numerous awards in Louisiana Music Educators Association District festivals; and

WHEREAS, he led the development of the Performing Arts Magnet Component at Green Oaks High School and implemented programs to improve academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, his accomplishments include receiving the Governor's Award from Governor Edwin W. Edwards, being named "Educator of the Year" by the Caddo Association of Educators, Co-Director of the Shreveport Regional Jazz Ensemble, the 2012 Recipient of the Lifetime Achievement in Music Ministry (LAMM) Award, and the 2019 Recipient of the "ARK-LA-TEX" Music Legends Award" just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland R. White has touched many lives throughout his career. A True "Humanitarian" who has always implemented "DPO" (Discipline, Pride and Organization) to his students, making sure they were equipped to live productive lives; and

WHEREAS, on October 25-27, 2024, Fair Park High School Marching Band will reunite to celebrate its legacy and honor the everlasting influence and timeless melodies of Mr. Cleveland R. White.

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 3400 block of Mertis Avenue in honor of Cleveland R. White.

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