RESOLUTION NO. _____OF 2013

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DEDICATE MILAM STREET BETWEEN NORMA AVENUE AND HEARNE AVENUE IN HONOR OF THE LATE REVEREND C. C. MCLAIN AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILWOMAN ROSE MCCULLOCH

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Rose McCulloch has requested that Milam Street between Norma Avenue and Hearne Avenue be dedicated in honor of Reverend C. C. McLain; and

WHEREAS, Reverend C. C. McLain was one of the first five African Americans to register to vote in Lincoln Parish in 1947; and

WHEREAS, Reverend C. C. McLain taught mathematics at Jackson High School in Jonesboro, Louisiana before turning to ministry in 1953; and

WHEREAS, Reverend C. C. McLain helped in the attempt to integrate Louisiana Tech University. During that time, he belonged to an organization called The Nicodemus Club that sought strategies to lay the groundwork for civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Reverend C. C. McLain was the pastor of Little Union Baptist Church, 1846 Milam Street, in Shreveport for 32 years (from 1959 to 1991); and

WHEREAS, Reverend C. C. McLain was an active leader in the Shreveport community, as well as in the Civil Rights movement during this period; and

WHEREAS, during Reverend C. C. McLain's tenure as pastor of Little Union Baptist Church, the Church became a center for NAACP and CORE meetings; and

WHEREAS, Reverend C. C. McLain pastored Little Union Baptist Church, which hosted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., when the civil rights leader came to Shreveport to teach non-violent tactics and to lead a march on Texas Avenue in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Reverend C. C. McLain was married to the former Mildred Margaret Oliver and the father of five children.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Mayor on behalf of the City is authorized to dedicate Milam Street between Norma Avenue and Hearne Avenue in honor of Reverend C. C. McLain.

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

Approved as to legal form:

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City Attorney's Office