RESOLUTION NO. <u>156</u> 2013

A RESOLUTION TO REMEMBER AARON SELBER, JR., HIS SERVICE TO THIS COUNTRY, HIS BUSINESS, CIVIC AND PHILANTROPIC CONTRIBUTIONS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: THE SHREVEPORT CITY COUNCIL

- **WHEREAS,** Aaron Selber, Jr., age 85, family man, businessman, investor, civic leader and philanthropist, passed away on August 13, 2013; and
- **WHEREAS,** Aaron Selber, Jr. was born in Shreveport on December 13, 1927, to Aaron R. Selber, Sr. and Frances Dreyfuss Selber. As a young man growing up in the Great Depression he sold the *Saturday Evening Post*, delivered the *Shreveport Journal* and maintained peanut vending machines during his school years in Shreveport; and
- **WHEREAS**, Aaron Selber, Jr., was a product of local schools, attending Southfield School, Byrd High School and then Tulane University, graduating with a degree in business; and
- **WHEREAS**, he joined the United States Army, where he was ultimately assigned to the electronics division of the Strategic Air Command; and
- **WHEREAS**, following military service, Aaron Selber, Jr. attended Washington University School of Retailing before eventually returning to Shreveport and working in the family retail business, Selber Bros., Inc.; and
- **WHEREAS**, under Aaron Selber, Jr.' leadership as President, Selber Bros. grew to an esteemed regional department store chain, with stores in Louisiana and Texas; and
- **WHEREAS**, following the sale of Selber Bros. to Dillard's Department Stores in 1987, Aaron Selber, Jr. began his second career as an investor, an activity that he thoroughly enjoyed for the rest of his life; and
- **WHEREAS**, as a philanthropist, Aaron along with his wife Peggy, contributed significantly to many nonprofit organizations in Shreveport, as well as New Orleans, Peggy's childhood home; and
- WHEREAS, Aaron Selber, Jr. was an active civic leader in Shreveport and served in leadership roles of numerous organizations, including: Chairman of the Board of Blue Cross of Louisiana, Director of Commercial National Bank, President of the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, President of the Committee of One Hundred, President of the Caddo-Bossier Port Committee, President of Southfield School and President of Goodwill Industries; and
- **WHEREAS**, Aaron Selber, Jr. will forever be linked to the transformative decision that secured LSU Health Shreveport's autonomy, resulting in unprecedented growth for the campus, its program, and its national reputation. Its economic impact and value to our community cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Aaron Selber, Jr. was honored as the recipient of the following awards: United Way Clyde Fant Award, Association of Fundraising Professionals Outstanding Philanthropist, Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year, and Outstanding Tulane Business School Alumnus. He was also inducted into the Paul Tulane Society, the Junior Achievement Hall of Fame and the Southfield School Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Selber, Jr. was the eternal optimist and had an unquenchable love of life and all of the people he encountered. Whether for the first time or the hundredth, everyone who ever met him would recognize his signature greeting, "Glad to see you," and he always meant exactly that; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the City of Shreveport remembers Aaron Selber, Jr. for his service in the Army of the United States of America, and his business, civic and philanthropic contributions which improved the quality of life for Citizens of Shreveport, the Ark -La-Tex, and the State of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to the Aaron Selber, Jr. family and the other filed in perpetuity in the office of the Clerk of Council for the City of Shreveport.

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