



1 community by the Shreveport Bar Association with receipt of the Liberty Bell Award; and

2 WHEREAS, Gary served in the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association as a  
3 long-standing member, as president of the association, as chairman of its Supplemental  
4 Board, and as president of the Board of Trustees of the Clerks of Court Retirement System;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, born on May 18, 1953, Gary was a lifelong resident of Shreveport who  
7 graduated from Woodlawn High School and attained a degree from Louisiana State  
8 University-Shreveport; and

9 WHEREAS, he was married for forty-six years to the love of his life, Marianne Dean  
10 Loftin, whose union was blessed with three daughters and five grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, Gary was a compassionate individual, a man of unfaltering faith, and  
12 a longtime parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Shreveport where he served  
13 diligently on several church boards; and

14 WHEREAS, Gary Loftin had an immeasurable capacity for helping others which he  
15 generously contributed to the Holy Angels Residential Facility, a residential and training  
16 campus for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

17 WHEREAS, known by the staff and residents as "Daddy of Holy Angels", Gary  
18 dedicated much of this time and talent to the advancement of its administrative operations  
19 by serving on the board of directors, as board president from 2011-2016, as a member of the  
20 Executive Board, the Spiritual Care Committee, the Chapel Building Committee, and the  
21 Capital Campaign as a family chairman; and

22 WHEREAS, his dedication to Holy Angels was boundless and the attention and  
23 affection Gary expressed for those around him was a reflection of his great heart, his  
24 capacity for love, and his altruistic way of living with empathy for all God's children; and

25 WHEREAS, Gary found immense joy in the company of family and friends, whether  
26 boating and fishing on Lake Bistineau or any other activity that brought loved ones closer  
27 to his side, Gary was at peace with his Lord and his conscience and was content in his life;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, upon his death on July 15, 2019, the Ark-La-Tex region and the state  
30 of Louisiana lost a unique individual who has left an indelible mark upon the Shreveport

