

1 casework, the maintenance of two clothing centers for the needy, bookbinding, and braille
2 transcription; and

3 WHEREAS, the Junior League's first project was the organization, with the help of
4 other community leaders, of the Shreveport Family Welfare Association, which later formed
5 the nucleus of the Community Chest, now known as the United Way; it was this constructive
6 action that brought about the acceptance of the league into membership in the Association
7 of Junior Leagues of America in February 1933; and

8 WHEREAS, Junior League of Shreveport, Inc. undertook its first major project, the
9 establishment of the Children's Service Bureau, now called the Family and Children's
10 Service Bureau, to provide casework and social work to needy children and their families,
11 and the community assumed responsibility for this service in 1942; and

12 WHEREAS, the Junior League adopted the Caddo-Bossier Association for Retarded
13 Children (C-BARC) occupation center as a project in 1956 in order to provide evaluation,
14 training, and services for intellectually and developmentally impaired people who were
15 capable of eventually becoming self-supporting citizens in the community; because of
16 matching federal funds, the association was able to provide training for people between the
17 ages of sixteen and thirty-six; the Caddo-Bossier Association for Retarded Children is now
18 known as The Arc of Caddo-Bossier and is a United Way agency; and

19 WHEREAS, the problems of the aging were becoming apparent in Shreveport in
20 1960, and the Junior League joined the Community Council of Caddo and Bossier parishes
21 in an extensive survey of resources available to the elderly; as a result of these findings, the
22 Council for the Aging was established in 1966; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1973 the Junior League helped establish the Mollie E. Webb Speech
24 and Hearing Center, a center which grew out of Junior League studies that established the
25 need for a comprehensive facility for treatment and diagnostic services for children and
26 adults with speech or hearing impairments and other communicative disorders, and the
27 center operates to this day; and

28 WHEREAS, in 1974 the Junior League committed twenty-four thousand dollars to
29 start Rutherford House, a residential treatment center for eight to ten girls between the ages
30 of twelve and seventeen who had come to the attention of the juvenile justice system in the

1 area; and

2 WHEREAS, in August 1975, Rutherford House, Inc. expanded to include a home for
3 boys called Olive Branch which housed ten boys; in the spring of 1976, Rutherford House
4 II opened for girls; this center had residency facilities for twelve girls; the average term of
5 residence for boys and girls was four months, and follow-up help was provided for an
6 indefinite period; Rutherford House is still in operation; and

7 WHEREAS, the "Celebration of the Arts" is an eight-day arts festival for the
8 ArkLaTex held in October in Festival Plaza; winner of the 1988 President's Volunteer
9 Action Award, the Red River Revel, began in 1976 as the Junior League's bicentennial gift
10 to the community; the first Revel was co-sponsored with the Shreveport Regional
11 Bicentennial Commission, and the Revel now attracts more than two hundred thousand
12 people to Shreveport-Bossier and has a ten million dollar impact annually on the
13 economy; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1978 a joint project of the Junior League and LSU Shreveport, the
15 Pioneer Heritage Center, was constructed as an education outlet for pioneer life in Northwest
16 Louisiana in the early 1800s; the center comprises seven plantation structures, including the
17 Thrasher House, a log dogtrot, and Caspiana House, the big house from Caspiana Plantation,
18 both listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1985 the Junior League began its largest coalition effort ever, the
20 LightHouse; volunteers of America's LightHouse reaches out to families struggling with
21 poverty, illiteracy, and joblessness; the LightHouse offers a wide range of programs serving
22 children, adolescents, and their families. Its goals are educational achievement, economic
23 self-sufficiency, and productive citizenship; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1994, the Junior League of Shreveport honored the community with
25 a gift of sixty thousand dollars celebrating its sixtieth anniversary, and this gift created kid
26 space which was a part of the exhibits when the Sci-Port Discovery Center opened; the
27 Junior League was the proud recipient of the Volunteers of America Humanitarian Award
28 because of its support monetarily and with trained volunteers; and

29 WHEREAS, the Junior League proudly received the Philanthropic Organization of
30 the Year Award from the National Society of Fundraising Executives in 1994; and

1 WHEREAS, after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and the Gulf Coast,
2 Junior League members went immediately to work within the community to help at
3 emergency shelters and donated items as well as time to help comfort dislocated families;
4 members staffed the Relief Relay Center at the former South Park Mall and also volunteered
5 at the Humane Society; the Strategic Planning Committee made grants to many
6 organizations that had special needs due to the increase in services provided for hurricane
7 relief which included the Samaritan Counseling Center, Providence House, LSU Health
8 Sciences Center Social Services Department, Rutherford House, and the YWCA; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2008 the Junior League selected Sheriff's Safety Town as the
10 seventy-fifth anniversary recipient and donated seventy-five thousand dollars to build a
11 Junior League Pavilion at the facility, and in addition, Junior League volunteers coordinated
12 Super Safety Saturday Clinics open to the public; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2013 the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier, Inc. celebrated its
14 eightieth anniversary by raising funds to plant eighty trees along Clyde Fant Parkway; and

15 WHEREAS, the Junior League's past projects include: Shreveport Family Welfare
16 Association - Community Chest - United Way, Family and Children's Service Bureau,
17 Community Council of Caddo and Bossier Parishes, Child Guidance Center, Deaf-Oral
18 Clinic at the Line Avenue School and West Shreveport Elementary, Caddo-Bossier
19 Association for Retarded Children, Alexander Speech Center, Council for the Aging,
20 Voluntary Action Center, motor-language perception summer clinics, the parents' league,
21 suitcase museum, Maddie E. Webb Speech and Hearing Center, Rutherford House, youth
22 advocates, Caspiana House, Pioneer Heritage Center, multi-faith retirement center, parenting
23 conference, coalition for parent education, *Kids are the Key* magazine, substance abuse
24 five-day program, McDade House, Louisiana State Museum, the LightHouse, Shriner's
25 Hospital PAL's program, friend-to-friend pet therapy, Volunteers of America Pregnancy
26 Service Center, Call Three, Christus Schumpert Adult Day Health Center, Literature to Life,
27 the Mendez Program of Substance Abuse Awareness, teen health fair, Sci-Port Discovery
28 Center, Caddo Public Education Foundation, gang awareness video, Forgotten Student
29 Mentoring Program, Volunteers for Youth Justice, food shuttle, HOSTS Atkins Technology
30 Elementary School, Habitat for Humanity, Providence House, St. Catherine's Community

