



1 E.B. Williams Stoner Hill Elementary Lab School, to properly honor the school's pioneering  
2 principal and promote a closer sense of community; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Wills worked to honor the community activism and spiritual  
4 leadership of longtime Hopewell Baptist Church pastor Reverend Dr. C.E. Galloway, and  
5 her efforts resulted in Hopewell Street being renamed C.E. Galloway Boulevard; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2006, Ms. Wills dictated an oral history of her activism, culture, and  
7 professional life, and the dictation can be heard at the Norton Art Gallery; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Wills is a graduate of Shreveport Business College and she worked  
9 for Western Electric, which is now AT&T, from 1969 until her retirement in 2001; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Wills was married to the late Joe Robert Wills for fifty-two years;  
11 their union was blessed with two sons, Reverend Jerard Wills and the late Jerado Wills, and  
12 four grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Wills is a longtime member of St. Peter Baptist Church, and she  
14 is actively involved as a Sunday school teacher and member of the Mission and Deaconess  
15 Boards; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Wills is a fervent supporter of equitable educational opportunities,  
17 which she believes are pivotally important for a community's growth and prosperity; she also  
18 supports the parent teacher student associations at Claiborne Elementary and  
19 Queensborough Elementary, and is an active alumnus from the class of 1963 at Booker T.  
20 Washington High School; and

21 WHEREAS, Shirley Wills is an inspiring woman and political trailblazer in Caddo  
22 Parish, and she is most deserving of the highest recognition for dedicated service to her  
23 community.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Shirley Wills, the first African American  
26 woman elected to the Caddo Parish Police Jury, for her exemplary leadership and service to  
27 Caddo Parish and does hereby extend sincere wishes that she remain prosperous in all of her  
28 endeavors.

DIGEST

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