



1           WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall began his career in local media in 1974 at the age of  
2 fifteen when he started covering American Legion baseball games for the *Shreveport Times*,  
3 demonstrating an early passion for storytelling and sports reporting that would define his  
4 professional life; and

5           WHEREAS, after graduating from Louisiana Tech University in 1981, where he  
6 served as sports editor of *The Tech Talk*, Mr. Marshall began his professional career with the  
7 *Shreveport Journal* and rose to become executive sports editor in 1988; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall and his brother, Ben Marshall, have achieved recognition  
9 in broadcasting, twice winning the LSWA's Best Radio Show award for their program  
10 *SportsTalk with Bonzai Ben and JJ* on 50,000-watt KWKH-AM and holds the distinction of  
11 being the longest-running sports talk radio show in Louisiana; and

12           WHEREAS, following the closing of the *Shreveport Journal* in 1991, Mr. Marshall  
13 joined the *Shreveport Times* and continued his work in sports journalism before ultimately  
14 choosing to pursue his growing radio career; and

15           WHEREAS, despite not entering the LSWA writing contest for twenty-seven years,  
16 Mr. Marshall has earned multiple awards in recent years for his writing with the  
17 *Shreveport-Bossier Journal*; and

18           WHEREAS, over the course of his distinguished career, Mr. Marshall has been  
19 recognized repeatedly for excellence in journalism, earning four Louisiana Sports Writers  
20 Association (LSWA) Prep Writer of the Year awards, two LSWA Columnist of the Year  
21 honors, and the LSWA Story of the Year award in 2023; and

22           WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall's career has included numerous accomplishments across  
23 several forms of media, including winning a national Associated Press Sports Editors Best  
24 Feature Sports Story award in 1987 and earning two Council for Advancement and Support  
25 of Education awards for documentary video production and storytelling; and

26           WHEREAS, he has served as a play-by-play announcer in both radio and television  
27 for professional football with the Canadian Football League's Shreveport Pirates and for  
28 NCAA Division I basketball with Centenary College, and contributing to the fan experience  
29 as a public address announcer for the Shreveport Captains for eight years and as a part-time  
30 public address announcer for the Houston Astros; and

