

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-6538

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RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF EDWARD COWBOY FREDERICK LEWIS (01/26/1953 - 09/05/2021).

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish honors the life and service of Ed "Cowboy" Lewis, a brave war veteran, dauntless community hero, and beloved husband, father, and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Ed Lewis, a United States Air Force and National Guard veteran, served in Vietnam and whose military career included positions as recruiter, drill instructor, security, and defense specialist; and

WHEREAS, Ed Lewis was the founder of Ride of the Brotherhood, an organization dedicated to our forgotten veterans, including serving our homeless veterans and those locating our soldiers missing in action in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Ed Lewis established Camp NORA, an emergency and transitional home in Covington for homeless veterans; and

WHEREAS, Ed Lewis served as Vice Chairman of the Veteran and Military Affairs Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Ed Lewis was the Chief of Staff and Chairperson for the Veteran of Foreign Wars District 9; and

WHEREAS, Ed Lewis was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8290, Davis-Moran Memorial Post, American Legion, and St. John of the Cross Catholic Church in Lacombe, LA; and

WHEREAS, in these roles, Ed Lewis heightened awareness of challenges faced by our veterans and personally assisted and advocated for hundreds of veterans struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder, addiction, disabling physical injuries, and other problems; and

WHEREAS, Ed Lewis tragically passed away at age 68 on September 5, 2021, while repairing damage from Hurricane Ida at a former shelter for homeless veterans that he had helped launch in St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, Ed Lewis was a loving husband to Margaret Dragon Lewis for 25 years, was the devoted father of Rebecca L. Landers, Edward J. Lewis, and Brian J. Lewis, and the proud grandfather of Jordan, Jarin, Jillian, Easton, and Hayes; and

WHEREAS, Ed Lewis made helping homeless veterans his life's purpose and succeeded in that mission.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that the contributions of Edward "Cowboy" Lewis to his country and his community are deserving of recognition and appreciation.

AND FURTHER RESOLVES that this commendation honoring the life of Ed Lewis be presented to his family in appreciation for his service to St. Tammany Parish.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 4 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021,  
AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING  
PRESENT AND VOTING.

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MICHAEL R. LORINO, JR. , COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK