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RESOLUTION

TO URGE AND REQUEST THE CITY-PARISH GOVERNMENT OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH TO NAME A PORTION OF THE BUILDING OR A ROOM AT THE CHARLES R. KELLY COMMUNITY CENTER, LOCATED AT 3535 RILEY STREET, IN HONOR OF JUDGE WILSON E. FIELDS.

WHEREAS, Judge Wilson E. Fields was born November 27, 1968, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to the late Mrs. Alice Fields Thomas and the late Isadore Fields. In 1986, Judge Fields graduated from Capitol Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from Capitol, Judge Fields attended Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. While attending Southern University, he was on the Dean's List and represented the University in various capacities. During his senior year at Southern University, Judge Fields served as President of the Student Government Association (SGA) while simultaneously serving as the student member on the Louisiana Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Judge Fields was elected to the Baton Rouge City Council at the age of 23, and became the youngest to ever serve as a City Council member in Baton Rouge's history. In just 8 short months, he was elected as Chairman of the Capital Improvements Committee. Approximately one year later, his colleagues elected him to chair the Finance and Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 1995, at the age of 26, Judge Fields was elected to serve as Louisiana State Senator District - 15 and was the youngest State Senator serving in the Louisiana Legislature. On October 23, 1999, he was elected to a second term as a State Senator because of his commitment and dedication to the constituents of his district; and

WHEREAS, not only was Judge Fields committed to serving the citizens of Senate District 15 and the State of Louisiana as a legislator, he was also committed to serving the State of Louisiana as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) Officer in the Louisiana Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Judge Fields received his Jurist Doctorate from Southern University Law Center in May, 1994 and his Master of Law Degree from Tulane Law School in May, 2003; and

WHEREAS, in October 2001, Judge Wilson Fields was elected Judge for Division O of the 19th Judicial District Court in East Baton Rouge Parish; and

WHEREAS, Judge Fields founded the Complex Litigation section at the 19th Judicial District Court and is the presiding Judge over the Complex Litigation Section within the 19th; and

WHEREAS, Judge Fields served as Chief Judge for the 19th Judicial District Court from 2020 to 2022 and in July 2024 was re-elected to serve as Chief Judge for another term; and

WHEREAS, Judge Fields is a member of the Greater New Guide Baptist Church, Reverend Isaiah Webster – Pastor and is a Life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Judge Fields is the father of two boys, Wilson Eric Fields and Wesley Earl Fields.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Council of the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge vote to name a portion of the building or a room at the Charles R. Kelly Community Center, located at 3535 Riley Street, in honor of Judge Wilson E. Fields.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Judge Wilson E. Fields so that she may be apprised of this expression of commendation and recognition by the Metropolitan Council.