

ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT

Certificate of Recognition

The St. Tammany Parish Council hereby recognizes William "Bill" H. Dobson, Jr. for his dedication and commitment to safeguarding our community.

WHEREAS, William "Bill" H. Dobson, Jr. was born in Hammond, Louisiana and graduated from Mandeville High School. He attended college at Southeastern Louisiana University and Louisiana State University majoring in Law Enforcement and Criminology. In 1969, Mr. Dobson started his career with the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Department, and in 1973 was appointed Chief of Police for the City of Covington and served in that capacity until 1979. Mr. Dobson then returned to the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office where he retired as a Lt. Colonel, Commander of the Special Operations Division, with 30 years of public service;

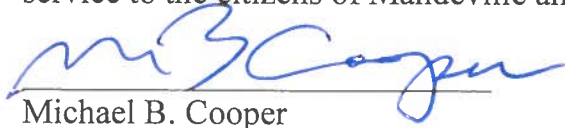
WHEREAS, Mr. Dobson has served for the past twenty-five years on the Board of Commissioners for the St. Tammany Fire Protection District #4, including fifteen as Board Chairman;

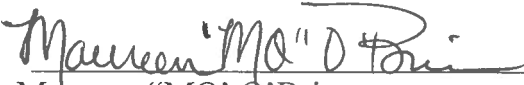
WHEREAS, Under Mr. Dobson's leadership, he and the commission, have achieved significant milestones to include: the operation of six Fire Stations which protect more than \$775 billion in property assets, reducing response times, receiving the highest PIAL rating resulting in lower property insurance premiums, along with international accreditation by CFAI, demonstrating the departments commitment to excellence and training;

WHEREAS, Mr. Dobson's career highlights include the creation of the Marine Investigation and Theft Section of the Special Operations Division, he served as Assistant Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness for St. Tammany Parish, member of the Louisiana Sheriff's Task Force, and member of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice;

WHEREAS, Mr. Dobson received the Airmen's Medal for heroism from the U.S. Air Force, was named Law Officer of the Year by Kiwanis International, and was holder of the Outstanding Achievement Awards by the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association and the National Association for Search and Rescue.

NOW, THEREFORE, on this 5th day of December 2024, Michael B. Cooper, Parish President and Maureen "MO" O'Brien, Councilwoman for District 10, along with the entire Council, take great honor in recognizing William "Bill" H. Dobson, Jr. for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Mandeville and St. Tammany Parish.


Michael B. Cooper
Parish President


Maureen "MO" O'Brien
Councilwoman District 10