

1 as a federal building that contained the United States Post Office and the U.S. District Court;
2 in 1974, the site was placed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

3 WHEREAS, throughout history libraries have been centers of learning and have
4 represented the cumulative knowledge of a community; and the free circulation of books and
5 periodicals is essential to the promotion of literacy among its citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, in the digital age, libraries strive to be relevant, embrace new
7 technologies, and apply continuous innovations to attract and enable patrons; in the future,
8 libraries shall continue to improve its utility by providing greater convenience and more
9 personalized services to the public; and

10 WHEREAS, the Shreve Memorial Library offers accommodations for meeting
11 rooms, study space, technology and computer work stations, and a youth services center; and

12 WHEREAS, the Friends of Shreve Memorial Library hold an annual Spring book
13 sale in April and the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra regularly visits branches of the library
14 system to perform Sym-Phonics, a musical storytime for children; and

15 WHEREAS, the library also opens its facilities to host Town Hall meetings, poetry
16 readings, and youth reading programs; and

17 WHEREAS, in January 2017, the Rotary Club of Southwest Shreveport donated over
18 one thousand books to be used in "Every Child Ready to Read" workshops; and

19 WHEREAS, since the first library was organized in 1890, Shreve Memorial Library
20 remains an essential element in the future literacy, education, and human development of the
21 Shreveport community.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23 commend the librarians, staff, and administrators of the Shreve Memorial Library upon
24 receipt of the designation, "Most Impressive Library in the state of Louisiana" from Reader's
25 Digest.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
27 acknowledge the legacy of the Shreve Memorial Library and its importance to the literacy
28 and continued growth of the community.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
30 Josephine Babers Wade, president of Shreve Memorial Library Board of Control and

