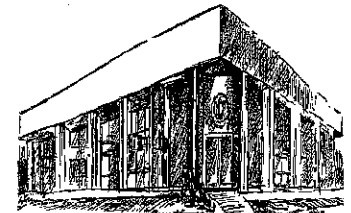
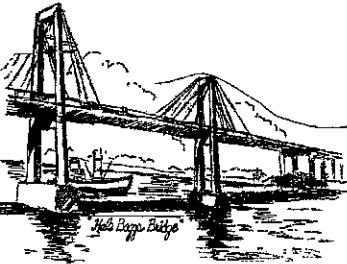
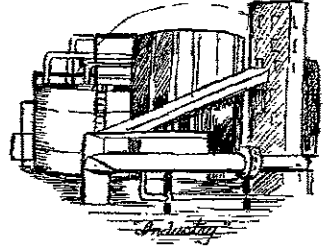
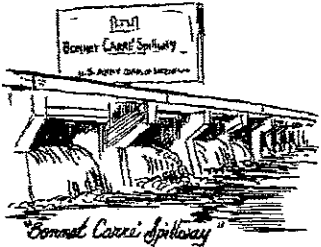
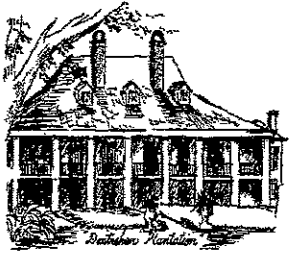


# The Parish of St. Charles

November 2, 2020

## IN RECOGNITION

**WHEREAS, George and Lois Forrest** are residents of Bayou Gauche, Louisiana in St. Charles Parish; and,  
**WHEREAS, George** started the Bayou Gauche Volunteer Fire Department in 1974. He and **Lois** owned five acres of land where the fire department was built and later, a community playground. Over time, the fire department purchased the property it was built on and St. Charles Parish purchased the playground; and,  
**WHEREAS, George** was President of the Bayou Gauche Volunteer Fire Department for over 35 years; he served as Vice-President for almost six years, and he served as Interim President for 2 years. **Lois** was the Treasurer for the fire department for over 35 years. The department started with \$250 and has grown to over \$1.3 million as of 2018. One of the major accomplishments was improving the class for the district to Class 4, which contributes to decreasing homeowner's insurance rates for many commercial and residential properties in the district; and,  
**WHEREAS, in 1991, George** was appointed to serve on the first St. Charles Parish Communications District Board of Commissioners representing fire service, where he with the other commissioners, were instrumental in implementing the 911 communications system that provides the residents of St. Charles Parish a vital link to emergency response personnel from medical, fire, and police services; and,  
**WHEREAS, George** was a member of the St. Charles Parish Firemen's Association, the Louisiana State Firemen's Association, was Custodian of Elections in District 4 at the Bayou Gauche Volunteer Fire Department location, and he assisted with delivering MRE's and water to residents who stayed behind during Hurricane Katrina; and,  
**WHEREAS, Lois** was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Bayou Gauche Volunteer Fire Department, she was the official cleaner of the station for all functions held at the hall, she cooked most meals for the Association meetings held at the Bayou Gauche Fire Station, and she was president of the Ladies Club at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for over 30 years.  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, do hereby offer this tribute and recognition to**



### GEORGE & LOIS FORREST

FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE BAYOU GAUCHE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE BAYOU GAUCHE COMMUNITY, AND ST. CHARLES PARISH

"PARISH OF PLENTY"  
 created in 1807 from the county of the  
 "German Coast", a parish of  
 unprecedented economic and social  
 development, known for its  
 hospitality, rural living and sporting  
 opportunities... with the added  
 distinction of being located  
 on both sides of the  
 Mighty Mississippi River

*Matthew Jewell*

MATTHEW JEWELL  
 PARISH PRESIDENT

*Dick Gibbs*

DICK GIBBS  
 COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT III

*Bobby Donaldson*

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 COUNCILMAN AT LARGE, DIV. A

*Nicky Dufrene*

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 COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT IV

*Holly Fonseca*

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 COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE, DIV. B

*Marilyn B. Bellock*

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 COUNCILWOMAN, DISTRICT V

*La Sandra Darenbourg-Gordon*

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*Julia Fisher-Perrier*

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 COUNCILWOMAN, DISTRICT VII