

City of Gonzales



State of Louisiana Proclamation

WHEREAS: The United States military is the greatest fighting force in the history of the world – and that's in no small part due to our National Guard members, who stand ready to defend our Nation at a moment's notice; and

WHEREAS: Our National Guard members are not only a source of pride for the military, they are also often the bedrock of their communities. While serving as citizen Soldiers and Airmen of the National Guard, they serve as teachers, pastors, public servants, engineers, medical professionals, small business owners, mothers, fathers, and so much more. Every day, they balance the competing demands of civilian life and military service, including leaving their communities at a moment's notice when our country calls; and

WHEREAS: We remain inspired by all Americans who choose to serve something bigger than themselves; and

WHEREAS: The 922nd Engineer Vertical Construction Company, 528th Engineer Battalion, 225th Engineer Brigade was selected as the 2023 LTG Emerson C. Itschner Award recipient and a member of their Company, 1st Lt. Storey Bailes was presented with the 1LT Orville Munson Award; and

WHEREAS: The 922nd demonstrated their adherence to all the elements of the CASTLE philosophy (Care, Safety, Training, Leadership and Empowerment) in winning this award; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, R. Ryland Percy, III, on behalf of the City Council and the City of Gonzales, acknowledge and honor the 922nd Engineer Vertical Construction Company for this outstanding schievement, for their hard work and dedication to our community, as well as abroad.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the City of Gonzales, Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, on this 17th day of June 2024.

Handwritten signature of R. Ryland Percy, III in black ink.

R. Ryland Percy, III, Mayor-Administrator

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Scot Byrd in black ink.

Scot Byrd, City Clerk-CAO



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WHEREAS: Chad Lynch is a lifelong resident of Ascension Parish, Louisiana, raised in Gonzales, Louisiana, who attended Gonzales Primary, G.W. Carver Elementary, Gonzales Middle and East Ascension High schools, graduating in 1988; who is married to Jeanie Lynch, who together have raised 3 daughters in Ascension Parish; and, who immediately after graduating high school, joined the Army National Guard to serve our country; and

WHEREAS: Chad retired as a Command Sergeant Major from the Louisiana National Guard after 21 years of service; and

WHEREAS: During his 21 year career in the National Guard, Chad served 2 combat tours, the first in Iraq in 2007-2008 where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the second in Afghanistan where he received his second Bronze Star. He also was recalled on a National Emergency Deployment in 2005 where he supervised over one thousand soldiers engaged in Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts. For that service he also received the Meritorious Service Medal; and

WHEREAS: Chad retired from the Ascension Parish School Board in June 2024 after 12 years of service, as Chief Operations Officer; and

WHEREAS: During his tenure at the school board, Chad oversaw the planning, construction and renovation of numerous schools within the Ascension Parish School System and most significantly, the recent renovations to both East Ascension High School and Gonzales Middle School; and,

WHEREAS: Chad has supported the City of Gonzales with service on Gonzales' Price LeBlanc PACE Center CMAR Selection Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, R. Ryland Percy, III, on behalf of the City Council and the City of Gonzales, acknowledge and honor Chad Lynch for his accomplishments and positive effect on the educational institutions located in the City of Gonzales and wish him the best of luck as he adds to his list of career achievements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the City of Gonzales, Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, on this 17th day of July 2024.

R. Ryland Percy, III, Mayor-Administrator

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