

State of Louisiana



Parish of Caddo In the Name and By the Authority of The Caddo Parish Commission

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION to SUNROSE "GAY POPPA" RUTLEDGE

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission notes with interest and satisfaction the significant events that occur in the lives of citizens who have made significant and lasting contributions to Caddo Parish, the State of Louisiana and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, such an individual is **MR. SUNROSE "GAY POPPA" RUTLEDGE**, legendary broadcast radio personality and an a lasting influencer of Caddo's longest running urban radio station, KOKA, who will be honored as a living legend during a street dedication and parade January 31st on Madison Avenue in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, Rutledge is noted for his successful and influential time as a Disc Jockey who introduced Caddo citizens to many emerging artists whose work has resonated throughout the past decades and become part of the cultural landscape of our society, acts like B. B. King, The Jackson Five, and James Brown were drawn to Shreveport at Rutledge's call; and

WHEREAS, Rutledge's stewarding of KOKA saw many successes over the years by reflecting the needs of the community, whether that meant providing access to contemporary Urban music when that access was limited, or supplying spiritual nourishment as an all Gospel station or as a platform to inform and engage listeners by acting as a beacon for leaders from Governor Edwin Edwards to local leaders of faith, community and government ; and

WHEREAS, Rutledge would go on to inspire generations of notable Radio personalities in the Shreveport/Caddo market, including current KOKA Director CeeJay Johnson who has partnered with Southern University to honor Rutledge for his cultural contributions.

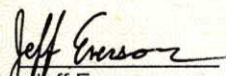
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, this 6th day of January, 2022, that it does hereby heartily congratulate and commend Mr. Sunrose "Gay Poppa" Rutledge for using his talents to create a legacy of lifting up the Urban Communities of Caddo Parish through his broadcast radio career and declares January 31st, 2022 to be:

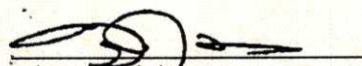
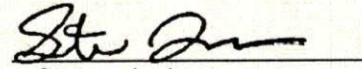
'SUNROSE 'GAY POPPA' RUTLEDGE DAY'

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission does pray that Mr. Sunrose "Gay Poppa" Rutledge may continue to enjoy the love of his fans, the respect of his peers, and the grace of his Lord through many more years to come.

ATTEST:




Jeff Everson
Commission Clerk


Lyndon Johnson
President

Steven Jackson
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