



Caddo Parish Commission

Special Resolution of Recognition

Stuffed Shrimp Festival

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Stuffed Shrimp Festival is a unique cultural celebration that highlights a signature shrimp delicacy created in Caddo Parish, reflecting the rich culinary heritage of Northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Shreveport-style stuffed shrimp was developed by the legendary Chef Eddie G. Hughes at the historic Freeman & Harris Café in downtown Shreveport, and has since become a beloved staple of the region's cuisine, recognized and enjoyed far beyond the boundaries of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Chef Eddie G. Hughes, alongside his wife, Lois Bryant-Hughes, and their children, Geno, Ora, and Mavice, opened Eddie's Seafood and Soul Food Restaurant at the corner of Hollywood and Union Avenues in Shreveport, establishing a family legacy rooted in food, culture, and community; and

WHEREAS, Eddie's Seafood and Soul Food Restaurant remains one of Caddo Parish's oldest family-owned and operated establishments, serving generations of residents and visitors while preserving a rich culinary tradition; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Stuffed Shrimp Festival is an annual cultural celebration produced by the Eddie G. Hughes Foundation in collaboration with local businesses, organizations, and community members, and is made possible through charitable donations, sponsorships, and in-kind contributions; and


WHEREAS, the festival brings together families, residents, and visitors for a day of food, fellowship, entertainment, and community pride, while honoring the legacy of Chef Eddie G. Hughes and the cultural significance of Shreveport-style stuffed shrimp; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Shreveport Stuffed Shrimp Festival will take place on May 10, 2026, at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds in Shreveport, Louisiana;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Caddo Parish Commission that the Shreveport Stuffed Shrimp Festival is hereby recognized and celebrated for its contributions to the cultural, culinary, and community spirit of Caddo Parish, and all citizens are encouraged to attend and support this meaningful event.


Attest:


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