

Legislation Text

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Honoring Carlos “King Arthur” Alvaraz on his induction into the National Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame and his lifetime achievements in the music industry.

WHEREAS, King Arthur has been a force in the music industry since the early 1960’s, recording his first record at 12 years old. King Arthur began his career as a Radio Disc Jockey with WCAM 1310 AM radio in Camden NJ.

WHEREAS, In the late 1960’s King Arthur managed some of the biggest groups in the Philadelphia area, including The Destinations of “I Can’t Leave You” fame, which was recorded on his record label, Ando Records. He went on to be the area’s first and most successful DJ’s. In the 1990’s he re-established his radio career on WNJC 1360 AM in Washington Township, NJ for 20 years.

WHEREAS, In the 90’s he was one of the first to be LIVE streaming on an Internet Station know as Destination Doowop, founded by Yukon Jack. And currently the King can be heard on his latest internet station known as “Crown Sounds Radio.” Playing the best oldies on the planet - 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

WHEREAS, Currently he is on Cruisin’ 92.1 FM Radio, WVLT out of Vineland NJ on Sunday nights, Live, 9 to 11PM. Loves his “Doowop” and oldies, but can play all genres of music, from the 50s through to today’s music.

WHEREAS, King Arthur still keeps the music of our era alive, Doowop, Oldies or Urban Group Harmony, and also Acapella, whichever you like to call it, every single day. He stays in touch with all the entertainers as much as possible, especially the ones from South Philadelphia and surrounding areas of Philly.

WHEREAS, King Arthur resides in Philadelphia, PA, on top of Cedrones Flowers owned by his wife Janet aka “The Queen of Doowop” of more than 50 years, located at 8th and Lombard in Philly. As a footnote, Janet's Dad, Danny Cedrone is the original lead guitarist in Rock Around the Clock, Bill Haley, and His Comets. He was inducted in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame 2012.

WHEREAS, King Arthur was inducted into the National Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame in 2023, for his lifetime achievement in music. King was honored for his life time of producing and promoting many memorable R&B artists and keeping their sounds alive on his daily radio show.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL FO THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA that it hereby honors the achievements of Carlos “King Arthur” Alvaraz for his accomplishments in the music industry and induction into the National Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Carlos “King Arthur” Alvaraz as an expression of the sincere admiration and respesct of this legislative body.