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WILLS POINT, TEXAS - The following have been selected for induction to the UPRA Hall of Fame as recognition for the contributions to the association and sport of rodeo. Inductions will take place at the UPRA Luncheon, October 21, 2023 at the Briscoe Carpenter Livestock Building next to the Fair Park Coliseum during the State Fair of Texas.

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2023

BARRY BUNCH, STAFFORD, TEXAS

KENNETH PRATER, CHECOTAH, OKLAHOMA

CHAMPION RODEO COMPANY, BUFFALO, TEXAS

SHARON AUTREY, ATLANTA, TEXAS

RAELYN WADE, TERRELL, TEXAS

**CLAY COUNTY PIONEER REUNION & RODEO
HENRIETTA, TEXAS**

Each year the UPRA Hall of Fame Committee will choose persons that made an impact and/or contributions to associations and the sport of rodeo. Nominations may be made from anyone having membership at any time in the United Professional Rodeo Association, Central Rodeo Association, Texas Rodeo Association, Texas Professional Rodeo Association or Texas Cowboys Rodeo Association. Other that served and/or contributed to any associations and sport of rodeo outside of contestants, personnel, directors, officers, stock contractors, committees and rodeos may also be considered.

About UPRA

The United Professional Rodeo Association is a combination of several long standing successful regional association with great rodeo history across the southern United States. In 1995, the Texas Professional Rodeo Association and Central Rodeo Association merged assets to form the United Professional Rodeo Association; in 2014 the Texas Cowboys Rodeo Association joined the United Professional Rodeo Association. The Texas Rodeo Association was created in 1961, the Central Rodeo Association was created in 1956 and the Texas Cowboy Rodeo Association was created in 1983, the combination of associations brings 107 years of rodeo history to the United Professional Rodeo Association. We continue this journey as Past, Present and Future Cowboys and Cowgirls working to better and preserve the sport of rodeo. For more information please visit www.urodeo.com.