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**MAYOR WHITMIRE ANNOUNCES ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP FOR**

**RELIANT LIGHTS MAYOR’S HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR**

*Houston’s Official Tree Lighting & Festivities Celebrates 105 years*

*Saturday, December 7th*

**HOUSTON** – Mayor John Whitmire and Reliant will kick-off the holidays with one of Houston’s favorite family events of the season: **Reliant Lights Mayor’s Holiday Spectacular. The annual FREE event will return on Saturday, December 7th, 6 – 8 p.m**. in Hermann Square at City Hall. This will celebrate 105 years of live music, dance performances, the lighting of the holiday tree, and other festive activities for all ages. **LeToya Luckett**, a two-time Grammy award winner and founding member of Destiny’s Child will co-headline the show with Two-time Academy of Country Music New Female Vocalist nominee **RaeLynn.**

“This amazing family-friendly celebration is an incredible way to kick-off the holiday season for Houstonians,” said Mayor John Whitmire. “I encourage everyone to join us for some holiday cheer and to celebrate the most festive and wonderful time of the year. I thank Reliant and our other generous sponsors for their support.”

LeToya Luckett is a true multi-hyphenate achieving success across the entertainment world in music, film and television.  She’s a multi-platinum recording artist, public speaker and brand ambassador.  LeToya has also amassed robust credits in the acting space, including several movies and recurring roles on *Greenleaf, Rosewood, Ballers, Single Ladies, Treme and Power Book III Raising Kanan*.  LeToya also captured the Reality TV world with three seasons of the hit show *Friends & Family Hustle*.  LeToya is a well decorated artist and actress with millions of social media followers who brands trust to say their name.

RaeLynn, a Baytown native, continues to make waves in country music with her distinctive storytelling and vibrant personality. She captivated fans with her latest ballad, “funny girl,” which dropped March 2024. This single marks a significant milestone in her musical journey, highlighting her evolution as an independent artist dedicated to authenticity. Over the past decade, she has built a diverse career, from publishing a children’s book, “Raisin’ Me A Country Girl,” to becoming the first country artist to partner with global beauty brand Too Faced Cosmetics and making her acting debut in Hallmark Channel’s *A Nashville Christmas Carol*. With over 2.8 million followers across her social media platforms, RaeLynn boasts both gold and platinum singles while amassing over one billion career streams.

“At Reliant, lighting up the holidays is one of our favorite ways to spread joy and make the season bright, which is why we’re thrilled to present Reliant Lights Mayor’s Holiday Spectacular,” said Mark Parsons, senior vice president, Reliant. “This free holiday tradition has something for everyone to enjoy – including our fan-favorite Reliant blinking Santa hats! – and we invite Houstonians to celebrate with us on Saturday, December 7.”

The holiday variety show will also include performances by the Shepherd School of Music Mariachi Luna Llena, KIPP Sharp Singers, Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts theatre department, Playhouse 1960, Carver/Aldine High School Dance Company, Dance of Asian America, and Houston Contemporary Dance Company. The event finale will feature the lighting of the tree and the “Hallelujah Chorus” from Handel’s Messiah majestically orchestrated and timed with the fireworks. This year’s holiday tree is a 48-foot White Fir, from Grants Pass, Oregon. It will feature just shy of 100,000 LED lights and 4,000 ornaments.

Reliant will distribute free blinking Santa hats to all attendees, while supplies last. The Gingerbread Village, sponsored by Raising Cane’s, will have complimentary samples as well as seasonal food and beverages for sale. Santa will be on-site for free photos. **SPONSORS:** **Title Sponsor**: Reliant; **Event Sponsors:** Cigna, Downtown Houston+, Raising Cane’s, Shake Shack, Oak Farms Dairy, Houston Parks and Recreation Department, and the Houston Public Library Foundation; **Beneficiary**: Houston Civic Events, Inc.; **Producer**: City of Houston Mayor's Office of Special Events; **Radio Partner:** Radio One Houston**.**