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Kansas City, MO., May 24, 2019 — The American Royal is pleased to announce the Barbecue Hall of Fame® 2019 Top 9 Semi-finalists from this year's nominees.

- John "Big Daddy" Bishop, Tuscaloosa, AL
- Aaron Franklin, Austin, TX
- Meathead Goldwyn, Chicago, IL
- Michael Ray Higgins, Mesquite, TX
- James Lemons, Chicago, IL
- C.B. Stubblefield, Lubbock, TX & Austin, TX
- Wayne Monk, Lexington, NC
- Jim Quessenberry, Memphis, TN
- Desiree Robinson, Memphis, TN

Each year, the Barbecue Hall of Fame has the pristine honor of inducting three individuals that have impacted the world of BBQ. For a full calendar year, nominations for this honor are sent in from individuals throughout the world and this year, we received over 50 nominations.

At the close of the nomination period, each individual nominated is reviewed by the Hall of Fame Nominating Committee and the list is reduced to the top nine. The nine semi-finalists are then reviewed and voted on by Hall of Fame voting members. Voting members include the Hall of Fame Nominating Committee and all living Hall of Fame Inductees.

The three 2019 Hall of Fame Inductees will be announced on Wednesday, May 29, 2019. Barbecue Hall of Fame Induction ceremony and events will take place during the 40th American Royal World Series of Barbecue® held at the Kansas Speedway, September 13 – 15, 2019.

About the American Royal Association

Woven through the history of Kansas City since 1899, the American Royal provides opportunities for youth and adults from around the country to compete in our Livestock Show, ProRodeo, Horse Shows, and the World Series of Barbecue®. These events allow the American Royal, a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization, to give over \$1 million annually for youth scholarships and support agriculture education programs. In 2018, over 101,000 attendees attended American Royal events generating over \$60 million of economic impact. To learn more about the American Royal visit AmericanRoyal.com.