

**RESOLUTION ELECTING THE 2026 INDUCTEES TO THE WINSTON-SALEM  
ARTS, CULTURE, AND ENTERTAINMENT MEMORIAL WALK OF FAME**

**WHEREAS**, in November 2015, the Mayor and City Council created the Winston-Salem Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Memorial Walk of Fame (Walk of Fame) to recognize deceased city residents who made significant contributions to the arts and entertainment industry; and

**WHEREAS**, this program which has honored thirty-four residents thus far, commemorates their contributions with the placement of a star along the Walk of Fame, located on the Cherry Street sidewalk next to The Benton; and

**WHEREAS**, the City received six nominations submitted for 2026 from the general community; and

**WHEREAS**, a diverse panel of citizens, representing various artistic disciplines and fields within the entertainment industry, has reviewed the six nominations submitted for 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the panel evaluated the nominations according to the following criteria:

- The nominee(s) is deceased.
- The nominee(s) was a resident of Winston-Salem for at least five years.
- The nominee(s) made a significant contribution to the arts or entertainment industry in one or more of the following areas: music, dance, theater, writing, visual arts, motion pictures, television, or radio. A “significant” contribution would be iconic in terms of renown and the impact on the artistic disciplines or popular culture.
- The nominee(s) exhibited sustained excellence in his or her field for at least five years.
- The nominee(s) made distinguished contributions to the community and civic-oriented participation; and

**WHEREAS**, the following table lists the nominations that the panel recommends for election to the Winston-Salem Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Memorial Walk of Fame for 2026; and

<b>2026 Finalists</b>	<b>Category</b>
<b>Flonnie T. Anderson</b>	<b>Theatre</b>
<b>Big Ron Hunter</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Carlotta Samuels</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Harold Calvin Tedford</b>	<b>Theatre</b>
<b>Dr. Robert Ward</b>	<b>Music</b>

**WHEREAS**, the General Government Committee recommends the election of these nominees to the Winston-Salem Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Memorial Walk of Fame.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem hereby elect the recommended 2026 nominees to the Winston-Salem Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Memorial Walk of Fame.