

**RESOLUTION ELECTING THE 2025 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 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 seven nominations submitted for 2025 from the general community; and

**WHEREAS**, a diverse panel of citizens, representing various artistic disciplines and fields within the entertainment industry, has reviewed the seven nominations submitted for 2025; 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 2025; and

<b>2025 Finalists</b>	<b>Category</b>
<b>William Grady Benton</b>	<b>Arts/Philanthropy</b>
<b>Dr. Julian Carr Burroughs</b>	<b>Radio</b>
<b>James Thackeray Diggs, Jr.</b>	<b>Visual Arts</b>
<b>Margaret Snodgrass Mueller</b>	<b>Music</b>

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development/Housing/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 2025 nominees to the Winston-Salem Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Memorial Walk of Fame.