

RESOLUTION

Naming the “*Winston Searles Memorial Trail*”

WHEREAS, the City of Rock Hill honors Council Member Winston Searles who was born on April 7, 1922 in Asheville, North Carolina to the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Maggie Walker. Upon his parents’ death, he was adopted and raised by his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Searles; and

WHEREAS, he was educated in the public schools of Asheville, North Carolina, and received his B.A. Degree from Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, he was married to the late Mrs. Willia C. Searles for over forty years and was the father of one daughter, Ms. Edna Searles, and two sons, the late Mr. Chauncey L. Searles and Mr. Winston McCaskill; and

WHEREAS, he was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during World War II and was retired from the U.S. Postal Service as Postal Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rock Hill fully acknowledges Winston Searles as a pioneer, being one of the first African Americans elected to the Rock Hill City Council, serving seven four-year terms from 1978-2007; and

WHEREAS, he is recognized for his selfless civic service and affiliations, including, but not limited to, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Clinton Junior College Board of Trustees, Co-Founder of the One Thousand Plus Club of Allen University, Rock Hill Economic Development Executive Committee, former District Scout Executive for Chester, Lancaster, and York Counties for seventeen years, Municipal Association of S.C. Board and Legislative Network, and National League of Cities Board of Directors and the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials; and

WHEREAS, Winston Searles has had numerous awards and honors bestowed upon him including, Dr. of Humane Letters/Clinton Junior College, Omega Man of the Year and Citizen of the Year, Inaugural golf championship named in his honor, NAACP Leadership Award, Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Award, Clinton Junior College Lifetime Service Award, and the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education Presidential Citation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rock Hill recognizes Winston Searles’ appreciation for the historical aspects of the city and his vision for the future as seen in his tireless actions to revitalize the Arcade Mill site and ensure residents have access to recreation and healthy living opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rock Hill expresses deep gratitude to Winston Searles for his dedication to public service and for his tireless advocacy for the Rock Hill community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Rock Hill affirms its commitment and support for naming the “*Winston Searles Memorial Trail*”.

DONE AND RATIFIED in Council assembled on this 24th day of May, 2010.

Mayor and City Council

Doug Echols, Mayor

Susie Hinton, Mayor ProTempore

John A. Black, III, Councilmember

Kathy S. Pender, Councilmember

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James C. Reno, Jr., Councilmember

Kevin Sutton, Councilmember

Attest:

David B. Vebaun, Municipal Clerk