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RESOLUTION NO. 230942

Sponsor: Councilperson Melissa Patterson-Hazley

RESOLUTION - Recognizing the UGO Film and Music International Workshop presented by Creative City KC.

WHEREAS, two-time Academy Award Winner Willie D. Burton, sound engineer for iconic films such as “Shawshank Redemption,” Christopher Nolan’s most recent blockbuster “Oppenheimer” and the most watched television mini-series of all-time “Roots”, is one of two African Americans to receive the Academy Award for Best Sound; and

WHEREAS, Dorez Douglas a seasoned Film/TV Producer and Hollywood Insider, and has over 30 years’ experience working with legendary actors such as Diahann Carroll, James Avery and Paul Winfield, has been featured as a guest on NBC, KTLA and numerous podcasts, and has worked for ABC-TV, Sony, MGM, and Disney; and

WHEREAS, Burton and Douglas, the principal instructors of the UGO Film and Music Workshop by invitation of Creative City KC, a UNESCO Creative Cities Network organization, will train youth in the Kansas City area in the fundamentals of filmmaking and the connection between film and music; and

WHEREAS, the workshop will collaborate with local film and music industry experts in Kansas City and will culminate in a short film documentary produced by students in June 2024, capturing the historical significance of the Dunbar Neighborhood and the Quindaro Ruins, preserving their stories and significance as world heritage sites; and

WHEREAS, the workshop will provide young people with specific jobs skills that can lead to employment and training, ensuring consistent flow of skilled labor and boosting the overall economy; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby extend their thanks and appreciation to Willie D. Burton and Dorez Douglas for the invaluable contributions they have made to film and music; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Willie D. Burton and Dorez Douglas in token of the Mayor and Council’s thanks for their contribution and support for youth in film and music in Kansas City.

