

## **CITY OF TEMECULA AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Aaron Adams, City Manager

**DATE:** February 12, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Approve Nominees Jack and Linda Williams for Placement on the Wall of Honor (At the Request of Mayor Naggar)

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**PREPARED BY:** Betsy Lowrey, Senior Management Analyst

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council approve nominees Jack and Linda Williams for placement on the Wall of Honor (at the request of Mayor Naggar).

**BACKGROUND:** At the request of Mayor Naggar, it is proposed that Jack and Linda Williams be recognized with the placement of their names on the City's Wall of Honor, currently located in the foyer of the Civic Center. The Wall of Honor Ad Hoc Subcommittee of Mayor Naggar and Council Member Edwards, and the Temecula Community Services Commission, also approved this proposal. Pursuant to its procedure for establishment and continuing operation, the Wall of Honor is intended to honor and recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the City of Temecula. To be eligible, an individual must have made a major contribution to improve the quality of life for the residents of the City of Temecula over a significant period of time.

Jack and Linda Williams are the founders of Richie's Real American Diner located in Temecula (and Murrieta). Jack passed away in 2018. Mr. and Mrs. Williams, known as one of Temecula's most kind-hearted business owners and residents (since 1980s), opened Richie's Diner restaurant in Temecula in 1991 on Jefferson Avenue, and then relocated it to Temecula Parkway where it remains a City landmark for its "pleasin' people good country cookin" philosophy and small-town atmosphere. As the City grew, Jack and Linda ensured all patrons experienced a part of Temecula's family-friendly hometown feel. Temecula and Murrieta City Councils recognized Mr. and Mrs. Williams for their 2014 Silver Plate Award (the restaurant industry's equivalent of the Academy Awards). Even more importantly, they are representative of so much more than great food. They exemplified hard work, integrity, love and devotion to their employees, customers and the entire community that lives or visits Temecula's hometown restaurant. They sought to serve others, and to make all feel welcome in Temecula with genuine hospitality and generosity. They give back by supporting those in need, hosting fundraising events with nonprofits, and are well-known for their vigorous support for all branches of military and veterans, as well as first responders. Jack also served his country as a Marine. His selfless legacy of "community" carries on in Temecula through his wife Linda and their family, and throughout their restaurants, businesses, and employees.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The addition of a name to the Wall of Honor is anticipated to be less than \$100. Adequate funds are available in the City Manager Other Outside Services (account number 001.110.999.5250) for this request.

**ATTACHMENTS:** City of Temecula Wall of Honor Nomination