

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF LEGANDARY COACH
WILLIAM L. “BILL” HAYES**

WHEREAS, William L. “Bill” Hayes was born and raised in Durham, North Carolina. Following an exceptional and stellar high school career, Hayes received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education from North Carolina Central University where he also played four seasons of football; and

WHEREAS, Hayes met and married his wife Carolyn, and they are the proud parents of son, William, Jr. and daughter, Sherri Walker; and

WHEREAS, his overriding passion is for the betterment of America’s youth; he actively serves the community in various organizations, most notably the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Hayes spent 27 seasons as a collegiate head football coach who got his start in college coaching as an assistant at Wake Forest, and assumed the role of Winston-Salem State University Athletics Director and became the winningest coach at Winston-Salem State University and NC A&T. As Director, programs soared to new and historic heights, including winning three CIAA and three MEAC titles and two HBCU national championships; and

WHEREAS, William “Bill” Hayes has been inducted into several Halls of Fame, including North Carolina Central University Alex M. Rivera; Winston-Salem State University Clarence E. “Big House” Gaines Athletic, and the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Associations John B. McClendon, Jr.; and on Friday, May 4, 2018 he was inducted to the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in Raleigh, NC. His players have become professional athletes, coaches, teachers, researchers and business leaders with much of their success coming from the emphasis he placed on academics. Due to the leadership and guidance of Bill Hayes, the Winston-Salem State University Athletic Department has achieved a higher graduation rate than the overall University. He has led a return to glory that has been unprecedented in collegiate athletics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem do hereby honor the life of legendary coach, teacher, administrator, and most importantly, champion of youth - Mr. William L. “Bill” Hayes for his dedicated service to his community and commitment to the youth of America.