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COUNCIL MEMBER
EAST WARD

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Mr. William Royston
Recreation and Parks Director
City of Winston-Salem
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Dear Mr. Royston:

I want to recommend to the Recreation and Parks Commission to name the gym at the Sims Center in honor of Mr. Benjamin (Ben) Piggott. As the gym currently does not have a name and Mr. Piggott devoted twenty years of service at the Sims center where he impacted the lives of thousands of children and adults, it would be a gracious distinction to bestow.

An innovator, Mr. Piggott initiated the extremely popular Peace Toys for War Toys Exchange that expanded from the recreation centers to the Annex at the Fairgrounds. His commitment to building the community is exemplary. He hosted Bingo for Turkeys, which awards donated turkeys and hams to disadvantaged families. The tireless hours of service has been widely recognized including: The Winston-Salem Chronicle Man of the Year, Winston-Salem City Employee of the Year, North Carolina Governors Award, The National Crime Prevention Council Award, Ameritech Award of Excellence and the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Mr. Piggott retired from the Recreation and Parks Department after more than 30 years of service. It is befitting that his name be permanently attached within the building where he dedicated "over and above" faithfulness to the community. I certainly hope the commission will agree with me, that this is a well-deserved honor.

Sincerely,

Annette Scippio
Council Member, East Ward

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