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Mr. William Royston
Recreation and Parks Director
City of Winston-Salem
P.O. Box 2511
Winston-Salem, NC 27102

Dear William:

Please accept this letter as my recommendation to the Recreation and Parks Commission to name the gym at Hanes Hosiery the Art Blevins Gym. Currently, the gym does not have a name but given the dedication to the City of Winston-Salem and Recreation and Parks, I feel it would be a proper way to honor his many years of service.

Art is retiring from the Recreation and Parks Department on May 31, 2017, after more than 30 years of service to the City of Winston-Salem. Some of the many honors and recognitions given to Art are: 1979 Ford Dealership of America Award for Encouraging Youth through Physical Fitness; 1984 Special Olympics of Forsyth County Volunteer Award; 1992 Pfafftown Jaycees/West Central Outstanding Coach; 1993 Forsyth County Court Volunteer Service Award; 1993 City of Winston-Salem Employee of the Year; 1999 WXII TV12 Jefferson Award Nominee; 1999 W-S Chronicle/Carl Russell Lifetime Achievement Award; 2000 The Coalition of Drug Abuse Prevention Community Service Award; 2002 W-S Journal "Our Community Hero Award"; 2005 W-S Magazine "Local Hero Award"; 2009 NC Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot for Over 30 Years of Service and Appreciation Award; 2010 Carver High School Community Service Award; 2011 Quality Education Academy Outstanding Leader Award for Community Service; 2013 WS/Forsyth County High School Hall of Fame; 2014 Wake Forest University Athletics Department Community Hero Award; 2015 W-S Recreation Department "Living Legend" Award; 2016 NC Recreation and Parks Association Award for 30 Years of Faithful Service; 2016 Parkland High School Athletic Sports Hall of Fame.

I hope that you will look upon this request favorably and present this to the full commission at the next meeting. Upon approval by the commission, I know it must be presented to the Winston-Salem City Council for final approval.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise D. Adams", is written over a horizontal line.

Denise D. Adams
Council Member, North Ward