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**RESOLUTION NAMING THE FOOTBALL FIELD AT BOWMAN GRAY STADIUM  
AFTER WILLIAM “BILL” HAYES**

**WHEREAS**, Coach William “Bill” Hayes is an athlete, coach, educator, administrator, and champion for young people; and

**WHEREAS**, he began coaching in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools at Paisley High School and accepted his first college position as running backs coach at Wake Forest University. This made him the first African American coach in the Atlantic Coast Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, as head football coach at Winston-Salem State University and NC A&T University, he accumulated a 195-104-2 overall record; and

**WHEREAS**, he has been inducted into the halls of fame of NCCU, WSSU, and the CIAA; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to football, he has a passion for the betterment of America’s youth. To this end, he has given outstanding, committed service to the Boy Scouts of America where he received the Silver Beaver Award and the Silver Antelope Award; and

**WHEREAS**, he is an alumnus of North Carolina Central University; and

**WHEREAS**, Council Member Annette Scippio of the East Ward has submitted a request to name the football field at Bowman Gray Stadium “William ‘Bill’ Hayes Field;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Assembly Facilities Commission recommended approval of naming the football field at Bowman Gray Stadium “William ‘Bill’ Hayes Field” at their meeting on June 21, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Winston-Salem City

**Winston-Salem City Council**  
**APPROVED**  
**August 16, 2021**

Council hereby name the football field at Bowman Gray Stadium "William 'Bill' Hayes Field" in honor of Coach Hayes and in accordance with the Council's policy for naming City-owned facilities.