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27102

COUNCIL MEMBER  
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Mr. Ben Rowe  
Assistant City Manager  
City of Winston-Salem  
PO Box 2511  
Winston-Salem, NC 27102

Dear Mr. Rowe:

I would like to recommend to the Public Assembly Facilities Commission that the football field at Bowman Gray Stadium be renamed to the Coach William "Bill" Hayes Field. Coach Hayes is an athlete, coach, educator, administrator and champion for young people.

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

As head football coach at Winston-Salem State University and NC A&T University he accumulated a 195-104-2 overall record. He has more career victories (195) than any college football head coach in the state of NC.

He has been inducted into the halls of fame of NCCU, WSSU, and the CIAA. 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. He is an alumnus of North Carolina Central University.

This longtime resident of our city is more than deserving of this honor.

Sincerely,

*Annette Dippie*