

RESOLUTION NO. 26R-03-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, NAMING THE STADIUM AND FIELD LOCATED AT THE LAUDERHILL SPORTS PARK THE "DR. HAYWARD J. BENSON, JR. STADIUM AND FIELD" IN HONOR OF HIS FOUNDING LEADERSHIP OF THE SPORTS ADVANCING KIDS' EDUCATION (S.A.K.E.) AWARDS PROGRAM AND HIS LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO YOUTH ATHLETICS, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE AND A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

WHEREAS, Dr. Hayward J. Benson, Jr., former Councilman and Commissioner of the City of Lauderhill, established and championed the Sports Advancing Kids' Education (S.A.K.E.) Awards Program, an initiative created to recognize student athletes, coaches, and volunteers for exemplary achievement, leadership, discipline, and community service through youth sports programming; and

WHEREAS, the S.A.K.E. Awards Program reflects Dr. Benson's enduring belief that athletics serve as a powerful vehicle to build character, promote academic achievement, instill life skills, and strengthen community values among the youth of the City of Lauderhill; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership and vision, the S.A.K.E. Awards became a meaningful City initiative celebrating positive youth development and reinforcing the importance of sportsmanship, scholarship, teamwork, and civic pride; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Benson faithfully served the City of Lauderhill for fifteen (15) years as Commissioner and consistently advanced initiatives supporting youth enrichment, recreation, education, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, as an educator, mentor, and community leader, Dr. Benson devoted his professional and public life to empowering young people and strengthening opportunities for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it fitting and proper to permanently recognize Dr. Benson's legacy and transformative contributions to youth athletics and education by naming the stadium at the Lauderhill Sports Park in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City Commission of the City of Lauderhill hereby names the stadium and field

located at the Lauderhill Sports Park the "Dr. Hayward J. Benson, Jr. Stadium and Field."

Section 2. City Administration is hereby directed to install appropriate signage and place a commemorative plaque in a prominent location recognizing Dr. Benson's legacy, including his founding leadership of the Sports Advancing Kids' Education (S.A.K.E.) Awards Program and his lasting contributions to youth athletics within the City of Lauderhill.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

DENISE D. GRANT, MAYOR
PRESIDING OFFICER

ANDREA M. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK

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