

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**RESOLUTION 2013-30
REDEDICATION OF LEE JORDAN FIELD**

WHEREAS, Lee Jordan Field is a property owned by MCPS and named for him in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Lee Jordan was one of the most influential citizens in Takoma Park History; and

WHEREAS, Lee Jordan served as a mentor, role model and inspiration to dozens of Takoma Park's children as a coach and founder of the Takoma Park Boys and Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Club that he founded was the first racially integrated one in Montgomery County. His baseball team likewise was a pioneer in integration, enduring catcalls but winning the county league championship in their inaugural season; and

WHEREAS, the first girl to participate in the league also played on a "Mr. Lee" team. In her first game she hit a home run. Lee Jordan's aplomb and good humor as a trailblazer is acknowledged as a primary factor in the smooth integration of Takoma Park schools in 1955 following the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision; and

WHEREAS, to recognize those efforts, the field at Takoma Park Middle School, where he later did custodial work, was named in his honor in 1981. He was inducted posthumously into the Montgomery County Human Rights Hall of Fame in 2006; and

WHEREAS, this is the 25 year anniversary of Lee Jordan's death; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Committee, the Boys and Girls Club, and Historic Takoma would like to create a meaningful and lasting tribute to Lee Jordan and rededicate the field in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

1. The City Park hereby supports the Recreation Committee, Boys and Girls Club and Historic Takoma, Inc. in their request to rededicate the field, Lee Jordan Field; and
2. Appropriate signage shall be installed at the field. Said signage shall include at least one sign with historical information about Mr. Lee Jordan.

Adopted this 28th day of May, 2013.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk