



RESOLUTION

NAMING CENTRAL CAL RIPKEN MAJORS FIELD AT VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK "FRED LAJOIE FIELD"

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Twelve

RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that Central Cal Ripken Majors Field at Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park shall be named "Fred Lajoie Field". This is to honor Fred Lajoie who has been an integral part of Nashua and New Hampshire youth baseball for more than forty years.

Fred Lajoie has been deeply involved in youth baseball in Nashua for the last 44 years. He started as a coach and manager of the Nashua West Roofers in 1968 then took on the role of President of the Nashua West Baseball Association in 1972 for the next ten years. During that time he was instrumental in the renovation of the Nashua West facilities and in so doing set an example statewide of what can be done through a volunteer system. His time as president earned him the Nashua Parks and Recreation Service to Youth Award and a certificate of appreciation from the City of Nashua for devotion to the city and its youth.

In 1982 Mr. Lajoie was appointed State Commissioner by Babe Ruth Baseball in their new Bambino Division to organize a New Hampshire program which is now known as the Cal Ripken Division of Babe Ruth Baseball. Under his leadership this division grew from a mere 3 leagues in 1982 to the present 54 leagues and over 21,000 youngsters. For the last 30 years he has served as the New Hampshire Cal Ripken State Commissioner and for 5 years he served as the Assistant New England Commissioner.

Mr. Lajoie's leadership led to a successful 1988 Babe Ruth Bambino World Series at Holman Stadium and 6 other World Series in various states throughout the country between 1998 and 2005. Fred Lajoie has been recognized as an institution in youth baseball for his hands-on service and dedication to the youth of the City of Nashua. In 1989, he received the Exchange Club Book of Golden Deeds Award for Service to the Youth of the City of Nashua; in 1998, the Babe Ruth Baseball National Volunteer of the Year Award; and in 2008 he was elected to the New England Babe Ruth Hall of Fame for 40 years of service to youth and the development of Cal Ripken Baseball in New England.

Fred Lajoie has been a leading force in youth baseball in Nashua and throughout the state of New Hampshire. His accomplishments and dedication bring pride to the City of Nashua.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2012

RESOLUTION: R-12-035

PURPOSE: Naming Central Cal Ripken Majors Field at Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park "Fred Lajoie Field"

ENDORSERS: Mayor Donnalee Lozeau
Alderman Arthur T. Craffey, Jr.

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

FISCAL NOTE: Signage: \$200

ANALYSIS

This resolution names Central Cal Ripken Majors Field at Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park "Fred Lajoie Field".

Approved as to form: Office of Corporation Counsel

By: Dorothy Clarke

Date: April 23, 2012

RESOLUTION R-12-035

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Majors Field at Vietnam

Veterans Memorial Park "Fred

Lajoie Field"

Endorsed by

James Hogan

MAYOR

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IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1st READING APRIL 24, 2012

Referred to: _____

2nd Reading APRIL 24, 2012

3rd Reading _____

4th Reading _____

Other Action _____

Passed APRIL 24, 2012

Indefinitely Postponed _____

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Attest: *Paul B. Bergeron*
City Clerk

King J. McEwen
President

Approved *James Hogan*
Mayor's Signature

April 24, 2012
Date

Vetoed: _____

Veto Sustained: _____

Veto Overridden: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

President