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Romney C. Rogers <rcrogers@rmzlaw.com>

to me, Steve, DEAN, Heather, Robert, Ben, Phil, Chris

Hey Lamar. Good hearing from you. Great suggestion about naming a baseball field at Holiday Park in memory of Bill Joyner. Great man and certainly a guy with a long list of community service and involvement.

In fact I remember Bill suggesting and funding with other residents "check valves" for the flooding problems on the Las Olas isles. It was his idea that provided some of the solutions to King tides and general flooding.

Since I am no longer on the Commission, I am copying the current Mayor and Commissioners and City Manager on this e-mail. I think Steve Glassman is the Commissioner for Holiday Park but certainly the Mayor and the rest of the Commission adopt Holiday Park as their Park and could initiate a request of the Parks and Rec.

Board for the naming that I am guessing would need to be address by that board first.

So, I am also copying the Parks and Rec Director on the e-mail as well.

I will be happy to write a letter in support of this proposal to name a baseball field at Holiday Park after Bill and speak with anyone else in support.

All the best to you and the family for a Happy and safe New Year.

February 6, 2022

Mr. Phil Thornberg
Director of Parks, Recreation & Beaches
City of Fort Lauderdale

Re: Bill Joyner Field

Dear Mr. Thornberg,

I am Howard Greenberg, former Publisher and CEO of the South Florida Sun Sentinel. I am writing in support of naming a baseball field after my good friend and colleague Bill Joyner, whom we lost last September.

I had the pleasure of working with Bill as an assistant coach for many years, as our sons were the same age. Bill coached all sports at Holiday Park. He coached our kids in baseball, flag football and soccer. He gave endless hours to youth sports at Holiday Park during our kids playing years and for many years thereafter, long after they had grown up and moved on. He loved youth sports and spent endless time, energy to that end.

Behind the scenes, Bill did a lot more than coach. He always took a leadership role in league management. In that role, Bill gave Holiday Park considerable personal financial support. His personal financial support was instrumental in constructing batting cages, pitching machines and many other ballfield improvements that would not have happened without his support.

Holiday Park attracts kids from a cross section of demographics for youth sports. Bill coached kids from all those demos, both rich and poor. He made sure everyone on his teams had the proper equipment so they could compete safely, whether they could afford it or not, many times, out of his own pocket. It was important to Bill that everyone had what they needed!

Bill was a "one of a kind" who loved working with youth sports. His dedication to youth sports at Holiday Park deserves something special and naming a ballfield after Bill would be a perfect tribute.

Sincerely,
Howard Greenberg

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January 28, 2022

Phil Thornberg
Director of Parks, Recreation, and Beaches
City of Fort Lauderdale
1350 W. Broward Boulevard
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Re: Naming of Holiday Park Baseball Fields

Dear Mr. Thornberg,

It takes a village to raise a child. No one knew this truth more than Bill Joyner. I am a product of the City of Fort Lauderdale's baseball program and can attest I received the myriad benefits of a man who gave countless hours to hundreds of children in this community. Sadly, Bill passed away this past September and it would be fitting to honor his memory in titling the baseball complex at Holiday Park in Bill Joyner's name.

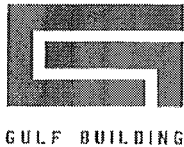
Bill sought me out and found promise in my skills. He encouraged me to push my abilities and play with older boys with whom humbled me and provided life-long friendships. I recall seeing Bill at all hours of the day around the park preparing both for the games he coached but also ensuring all of the other teams had what was necessary for their respective games as well. He was a successful businessman who instead spending his time and money on his own desires gave selflessly to our community. He was a model of how each boy should grow to be a man.

Since benefiting from Bill's commitment to our baseball community I have too coached my son for many years at Holiday Park. There was rarely a time I step on any Holiday Park baseball field without it evoking memories of Bill and his selflessness to our community. Please do our community the honor of naming the baseball fields at Holiday Park in his name. By doing so you recognize selflessness in service to our community and help create a model of how each boy can grow to be a man who contributes to our village.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Phil Thornberg,
Directory of Parks, Recreation & Beaches
City of Fort Lauderdale

Re: **Bill Joyner Baseball Field Naming at Holiday Park**

Dear Mr. Thornberg,

I am writing you today as a supporter of naming a baseball field at Holiday Park in memory of my former little league coach, Mr. Bill Joyner. Coach Joyner was my coach from the time that I started little league through the time I finished senior league (typically on multiple teams) for the City of Fort Lauderdale at Holiday Park. From the Bad News Bears in 1987 to the Yankees in 1992, he was always my coach. I will always remember how excited he would get when his players succeeded on the field, and more important, how he would teach us to be true sportsman, when we had a bad game.

Coach Joyner was a fixture of Holiday Park and an advocate of the baseball program. He was always near the fields in his big white van full of baseballs, gloves, bats and whatever any kid forgot at home. He would give all the kids an opportunity to play at different positions to learn the sport which he loved so much and win or lose, every kid felt proud to be part of Coach Joyner's team.

Naming a field after Mr. Joyner is a small token of appreciation for his many years of support and service to the Fort Lauderdale baseball program, which I now know, barely existed at the time I played. I hope that this simple ask is fully supported by the City and Staff. I am happy to share many more stories about Coach Joyner if you have any questions, I cannot think of a better way to honor his legacy in Holiday Park.

Very truly yours
John Scherer

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October 5, 2021

Re: Naming of City Parks & Recreation Area

To Whom It May Concern:

Williams Alexander (Bill) Joyner's contribution to Holiday Park baseball and its players is unparalleled. Without his leadership for 15-20 years, I don't believe we would have a league today. He spent countless hours at the park and was a role model and mentor to hundreds of boys and girls.

He was so committed to baseball he even hired someone fulltime at his own expense to do the scheduling and rosters while he was the Commissioner. He made countless trips to Costco for the concession stand and even purchased uniforms. He truly cared about the game of baseball and that flowed down to the kids that played. He dedicated himself to the park and asked nothing in return other than for the kids to play hard and have fun.

In the weeks since his death, anytime someone mentioned him they said two things, "What a great guy" and "I remember him from baseball." An entire generation (now adults), have fond memories of him and his time as the Commissioner of the league. If you played baseball at Holiday Park in the 80's and 90's you knew and loved Bill Joyner. He was always there for the players and his love for the sport was contagious.

Naming a field after Bill Joyner at Holiday Park would be a pronounced memory of him and his dedication to Holiday Park and its players. He cared so much for the success of the league and the young athletes he mentored and coached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Tworoger".

David Tworoger, MBA, CAM
Broker/President
Market Realty & Management, LLC.



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Dear Mr. Phil Thornberg,

My name is Andres Echarte, I currently sit on the board of Ft Lauderdale Little League. I am father of three boys who currently play in Ft. Lauderdale Little League. I coach all three boys and have had great success doing so. I was fortunate enough to be part of one of the most successful All-Star teams to have ever come out of Broward County. Last year my team won the 10U state title against Tampa Bay LL 4-2, in Deerfield Beach. It was one of the coolest experiences I have ever had. I'm writing you today on behalf of thousands of children that were affected by Mr. William (Bill) Alexander Joyner, a Pioneer in our community, who brought Little League Baseball Charter to Holiday Park.

I was born and raised here in Ft. Lauderdale, graduated from University of Florida only to come back to my roots. While I did not play at Holiday, I competed their hundreds of times. I played across town at what was called Coral Ridge Little League, out of Bayview Park. These two parks along with Northeast Little League, Oakland Park Little League, and Wilton Manors Little League where my four brothers and sister spent most of our childhood playing ball, five nights a week. Each park had a different feel, but it was a place to go and compete against other talented teams in our community. Bill Joyner brought this joy and foundation to so many children like myself and my siblings. He often funded concessions, uniforms, equipment, and developed a competitive foundation for the League he created.

Being heavily involved with what is now called Ft. Lauderdale Little League, who controls the MOU for Holiday Park, Bayview Park, and George English Park, the amount of time spent, energy exhausted and planning to establish what he has done is nothing shy of remarkable. I can only see one way to thank him for what he has done for the baseball community down here is to recognize him by naming a field at holiday park after him, the HOME of Ft. Lauderdale Little League. He was a wonderful man with a big heart and would do anything to help children. This recognition would be a fitting way to acknowledge his legacy and what it means to empower young children to be great! Please consider this thought as this man exemplifies what it means to be a leader of children and change the life of local families in such a positive manner.

Sincerely,

Andres Echarte



February 9, 2022

Phil Thornburg, Director
Parks and Recreation Department
City of Fort Lauderdale
Administration Office
1350 W. Broward Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

RE: Naming a Holiday Park Baseball Field Bill Joyner Field

Phil,

This letter is in support of naming a Holiday Park Baseball Field "Bill Joyner Field".

Bill was President of Fort Lauderdale Little League Baseball for 10 years from 1983 to 1993. For several years after his term as President, Bill stayed involved in the program, on the Board and coaching, which is what Bill enjoyed most. Bill loved baseball and spent countless hours at the field, coaching and mentoring players and coaches.

Bill had a calm and cool demeanor in handling the many issues inherent in youth sports programs, a must for someone involved in the program for as long as Bill was. He made sure the sponsors were in place the uniforms were ordered, the boundary disputes were settled, schedules were completed, umpires were in place and the occasional on-field rhubarbs, involving coaches and parents were settled amicably.

I had the pleasure of following Bill as President of Fort Lauderdale Little League. Bill was great mentor and aide, he stayed on the Little League Board and coached for the 5 years I served as President after him.

I strongly support naming a Holiday Park Baseball Field in Bill Joyner's memory.

Take care,



Stephen D. Williams

PS Thanks for your support of Pickleball at the Park.

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February 6, 2022

Mr. Phil Thornberg
Director of Parks, Recreation & Beaches
City of Fort Lauderdale,

Re: Bill Joyner Field

Dear Mr. Thornberg,

Bill Joyner was the face of Holiday Park Youth Baseball program when I first coached my boys, a lifetime ago. He was the guy that held that program together for the longest time. At the time, I coached my boys at Coral Ridge, we played teams from Wilton Manors, Fort Lauderdale and Coral Ridge. It was a combined schedule. We played each other during the season and at the end of the season we were involved in what was called a Strong Team Tournament. True to Yankee tradition, Bill's teams were always loaded. It was annoying to me in the beginning because of the obvious advantage. The thing was that it happened every year. I watched Bill and his antics and grew to admire his hard work and dedication to Fort Lauderdale Little League. We loved to play his teams because they were usually the best around and always made for good competition.

Last year, I was watching one of my grandsons play ball at Holiday Park and Bill showed up. He was there to watch one of his former players coaching a team. We talked about the good old times. He was so proud of the League, the fields and how much the program has grown. A lot of today's success comes from what Bill did years ago.

Fort Lauderdale Little League owes a lot to Bill. Naming a field in his honor is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

Felipe Echarte

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Letter on behalf of Bill Joyner

February 7, 2022

Dear Mr. Thornberg:

It is with the greatest enthusiasm that I highly endorse the idea of naming a baseball field in honor of Bill Joyner.

Our son, Danny, who is now 43 years old, was coached by Bill for many in both T-Ball and Little League at Holiday Park. Not only did I observe Bill's leadership and coaching abilities at the actual games, but also at the many practices. Danny loved being on the team coached by Mr. Joyner, "The Bad News Bears". Not only was Bill an excellent teacher, but also very knowledgeable about the game of baseball.

Bill spent so much of his free time devoting himself to his team. When other Dads were relaxing, he was working hard at helping these young boys improve their game. Bill worked hard at ensuring the success of the Holiday Park programs for children.

Our whole family enjoyed watching Danny play with the Bad News Bears. Our daughters, Genie, Lee Lee & KK, along with my wife Betty, all looked forward to cheering for Bill Joyner's Team.

What a fitting tribute it would be to name a field after Bill Joyner. He certainly deserves it!

Sincerely,

Dan O'Connor

February 11, 2022

RE: Naming a Holiday Park Field
Williams A. Joyner

To: Phil Thornberg
Dir. of Parks, Recreation & Beaches
City of Ft. Lauderdale

Mr. Thornberg,

It is a privilege for my husband and me to write this letter in support of naming a field at Holiday Park for the former Commissioner of Baseball (1984-1993), Williams A. Joyner.

You only have to walk through Holiday Park in the evenings or on Saturday to see a living testament to Bill's legacy. Many of the young people Bill coached are now coaching their own sons and daughters in a thriving program that fills the park with grateful families. Many have their favorite stories about Bill. They talk of his passion for baseball, his emphasis on teamwork, his competitive nature and genuine devotion to them and their development in athletics.

Our own son, David Tworoger, who is Bill's godson, has been coaching his sons at Holiday Park for a number of years. This year his company is sponsoring a "blue" coach pitch team named the Bad News Bears. Bill coached a team for years named the Bad News Bears and the use, this year of that name is a tribute to Bill and all he meant to David and the young men who played for him.

My family enthusiastically endorses the naming of a field for Bill. What better way to recognize his service and devotion to youth in our community then to recognize him where kids continue to play and enjoy baseball today?

Best regards,

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February 3, 2022

Phil Thornburg
Director of Parks, Recreations and Beaches
City of Ft. Lauderdale Florida

RE: Field Dedication to Bill Joyner

Dear Phil Thornburg:

I am writing regarding the initiative to honor Mr. William Alexander (Bill) Joyner, by dedicating a field in his memory at Holiday Park.

I lived in Ft. Lauderdale from 1974 to 1986, during that time I had the good fortune of developing a close friendship with Bill that lasted until his recent death.

Prior to moving to Clearwater, FL. Two of my sons enjoyed participating in Little League Programs at Holiday Park on Bill's teams starting with T-Ball. I had the pleasure of acting as an assistant coach for Bill and therefore experienced first-hand Bill's dedication and excitement for coaching, even in the very early years. My sons to this day talk about their participation on those teams.

Although I was not present as Bill's ambition for the development of the Little League program at Holiday Park took on far more serious commitments and goals, I kept up with what was taking place at the park over the years from Bill, as well as the parents and now young men he had coached at the time. During the course of those years, it was very apparent to me, Bill's involvement and intent went far beyond just coaching. His interest in improving the physical facility and the level of the entire program for the athlete's became equally important.

It has been almost thirty-six years since we left Ft. Lauderdale but my wife Nancy and I have traveled and fished with Ann and Bill every year since leaving. Never was the subject of Holiday Park not addressed and discussed during those trips. I took pleasure in kidding him that he put more time and effort into Holiday Park than his very successful business.

It brings tears to my eyes thinking how proud and honored Bill would be if this dedication of a field in his name actually materialized. I cannot imagine anyone more deserving. Hope this letter will have a favorable effect on your group's consideration.

My Best,

John B. Kersting

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February 3, 2022

Mr. Phil Thornberg
Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches
City of Fort Lauderdale

RE: Bill Joyner Baseball Field Naming at Holiday Park

Dear Mr. Thornberg:

I am writing in favor of naming a field in honor of Bill Joyner at Holiday Park. Bill, better known to us players as "Mr. Joyner" was my first coach. He was my introduction to the world of sports which has been an instrumental part of my life since the days I set out on the field with him for T-Ball at the age of 7. Bill not only taught me the game of baseball but more importantly he taught me the importance of good sportsmanship.

Bill served as my coach with "*Bill Joyner's Bad News Bears*" from T-Ball all the way through Senior League with his beloved "*Yankees*". From our prospective as kids, Bill "ran the show" at Holiday Park by organizing all games, all the teams and often times driving his white van packed with players across all the fields. Little did we know or understand at the time all the effort, dedication and commitment that he put into developing, organizing and running a baseball program that didn't even exist in our community at the time.

Bill was a positive role model to many and impacted hundreds of kids during his tenure as Commissioner and Coach. Not to mention the thousands of kids that have benefited over the years and continue to benefit today from his efforts and vision of launching a Little League program in the City of Fort Lauderdale nearly 40 years ago. He was truly a legend and his devotion was unparalleled.

I could not think of a more deserving person for the City to honor for his time, service and commitment than Bill Joyner. I would ask that the City of Fort Lauderdale please help honor the life and legacy of Bill Joyner with the dedication of a Baseball Field in his name at Holiday Park.

Sincerely,

Grant Conness
Co-Founder & Managing Director
Global Wealth Management

February 9, 2022

Dear Mr. Thornberg,

It has come to my attention that the city is considering naming a baseball field in honor of Bill Joyner.

I wish to voice my full support and enthusiasm for this idea. Today I am 43 years old, have 3 children of my own, and live a world away from Fort Lauderdale, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Some of the best childhood memories I have were thanks in part to the efforts put forward by Bill Joyner to ensure we had a well organized, and cohesive, competitive and fun baseball program at Holiday Park starting at the t-ball level and going well into little league. I played baseball in some form for 7-8 years at Holiday Park and thanks to Bill, had a wonderful time doing so, often being on Bill's teams. I would argue that hundreds (if not more) children from our town during this time, have similar recollections. As a parent, I hope the next generation of children will be so lucky to have a person like Bill to help with their sports programs, we were very fortunate.

It is only after his passing that the true importance of his contribution has come to light, and I think that speaks volumes about his selfless character.

Please take this into consideration and name a field after Bill Joyner as a lasting sign of his involvement with Holiday Park and the baseball program there.

Sincerely,
Danny O'Connor

Feb. 11, 2022

Phil Thornberg,
Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches.

My wife and I had the pleasure of watching our oldest son Rob play baseball at Holiday Park when Bill Joyner was his coach and then later Bill became the Commissioner of the baseball program. When our second son Tyler was old enough I was a coach of his team through Coach Pitch, Little League and Senior League. The baseball programs got better every year under Bill's leadership. He worked hard and successfully to improve the facilities and fields for the players and spectators.

Tyler is now a coach for his 2 sons in the baseball programs at Holiday Park. He and hundreds of other parents and children have Bill Joyner to thank for making these programs what they are today.

Please support this effort!

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February 15, 2022

Phil Thornburg, Director
Parks and Recreation Department
City of Fort Lauderdale
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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

RE: Holiday Park Baseball Field Naming for Bill Joyner

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

Holiday Park Little League was raised to a higher standard thanks to the efforts and leadership of Bill Joyner. During his 10-year tenure as President of Holiday Park Little League, he transformed the program, much of it on his own time and with his own resources.

His love of baseball was infectious and he was keen to give the kids an opportunity to love the game as much as he did. He successfully brought together countless volunteers (myself included) to support his vision, including: team sponsorships, coaches, umpires, real uniforms, protective gear, equipment and grants for those who could not afford to play. He held drafts to keep the teams balanced and expanded the league to include teams from T-Ball through Little League. His goal was to get his players to have fun and, ultimately, to have an opportunity to achieve their dreams to play in the MLB.

There was much behind the scenes that Bill did quietly. He was often found lining fields before games, getting the concession stand going, and negotiating field/grass schedules for practice and games. One of his most important tasks was ensuring the dugouts, bathrooms and fields were safe for the kids (Holiday Park was a different place in those years).

I wholeheartedly support naming a field after Bill Joyner for his devotion to Holiday Park and the youth sports baseball program in Fort Lauderdale. Holiday Park would not be the facility it is today without his early passion, dedication and support.

Yours sincerely,



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February 4th, 2022

Mr. Phil Thornberg
Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches
City of Fort Lauderdale, FL

RE: Bill Joyner Baseball Field Naming at Holiday Park


Mr. Thornberg,

I know you are a busy person so I will be brief.

Beginning in 1984, without Bill Joyner's intervention there would have been no baseball program at Holiday Park. Oh, I'm sure somewhere along the line someone would have acted; however, that 'to be named person' never came forward as Bill Joyner had already done so. Bill interceded on behalf of hundreds of youngsters and their families. Over the next nine years Bill donated his time and treasure to first make baseball at Holiday happen and then to make it continue. It continues today.

The very least we owe this selfless person, and his family is the naming of a ball field in his honor.

Sincerely,


Robert J. Ward



LARocca & ASSOCIATES, INC.

January 28, 2022

Re: Naming of City Parks & Recreation

To Whom It May Concern:

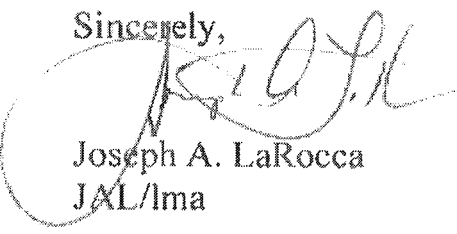
I am writing to you to acknowledge the contribution that William (Bill) Joyner had on youth baseball at Holiday Park. Bill was Holiday Park youth baseball.

I became acquainted with Bill as a board member of Coral Ridge Little League. Bill coordinated the Little Leagues of Holiday Park, Wilton Manors and Coral Ridge. Even before I met the man, I was aware of the contribution, time and effort he put into the Holiday Park Program. Bill Joyner was Holiday Park Little League. He was a great help and guidance in every possible way to assure our success at Coral Ridge Little League.

There isn't a child that grew up in the 80's and 90's that can't recall some way in which Bill Joyner helped and guided them. He gave so much for so long and asked nothing in return.

It would only be fitting to name a Little League field at Holiday Park in his honor. As it seems we are getting away from the rally important things in life, we should acknowledge those who gave so much, asked nothing in return and molded the lives of so many.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. LaRocca
JAL/lma

Jan. 28, 2022

Phil Thornberg,
Dir. Parks, Rec., and Beaches
City of Ft. Lauderdale

Dear Phil:

As a longtime friend and business associate of Bill Joyner I applaud the idea of some commemorative recognition of his years of service on the Parks Advisory Board and "Commissioner" of the Holiday Park Little League program. Having followed his tenure on the Parks Board for 10 years myself, I have come to appreciate the commitment, concern and sometimes frustrated efforts to do right for the citizens and particularly the youth of our City. He remained so committed and had positively affected the opportunity for thousands of children over the years to engage in an activity for not only its immediate recreation enjoyment but also at times, the humility harbored respectfully in defeat, accompanied by the need to move forward to try again and endeavor to succeed. For some of the participants in the program, who shared Bill's love of the game and had skills to match, they continued playing baseball in High School, College and even at the professional level.

Having witnessed the task and time commitment of scheduling, orchestration and balancing of parents, managers, coaches, umpires, sponsors, competing leagues and the City itself over the years, suffice it to say, it was all worth it -at least to Bill, as all such ancillary matters were set aside, whenever the Umpire cried-"Play Ball"!

Let me know if I can be of further assistance in this endeavor.
Respectfully submitted.

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Daniel Hotte

Jan 29, 2022

I have been associated with Bill in the business world, actually got my feet wet in my first Real estate Deal in Florida with Bill and remained in contact throughout the years.

Also had to compete with his team between Coral Ridge and Holiday Park. Today I see Pat Conness who my son Charles - Eric had to face in many games and after all this remained friends till this day. They cherish, and so do I, those moments of hard and fair play. We all know at Coral Ridge it could not have happened without Bill taking personal interest in making Holiday Park system the way it is now.

Of all things I truly believe of all Bill's business accomplishments, this commitment by him to the sport, his Holiday Park and the league is what put a smile on his face. It would not only be appropriate to have a special dedication, but it would be well deserved.

Till this day for some of us that had kids playing or coaching we cannot never go by our home and visiting fields without having a special grin on our face for all the memories built ...We should say thank you Bill

Also, whatever I can do let me know

Daniel Hotte

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February 4, 2022

Mr. Phil Thornberg
Director of Parks, Recreation & Beaches
City of Fort Lauderdale

RE: Holiday Park Baseball Field Named in Memory of Bill Joyner

Dear Mr. Thornberg,

I am writing this letter in support of the effort to name a Holiday Park baseball field in memory of one of the great ones, Mr. Bill Joyner. While Bill did not coach me personally, he most certainly paved the way for kids like me who grew up playing baseball at our beloved Holiday Park. His generosity and dedication to making Holiday Park Little League a better place for youngsters to learn the great sport of baseball is something that should be recognized and memorialized. I can't think of a better way to do that than by putting his name on a field for ALL to see.

I'll share a quick story that I believe captures Bill's spirit and the love he had for the game. Just this past season I was coaching my younger son's T-Ball team at Holiday Park and happened to notice Bill walking amongst the fans on the other side of the fence. I don't think he was there to visit anyone in particular; I believe he was there that day because he truly loved baseball and cherished the sights and sounds that accompany it.

I ask the City of Fort Lauderdale and its Staff to stand behind and support this endeavor in naming a field at Holiday Park after Bill Joyner. It's a small token of appreciation we can offer to a man who did so much for the youth of our great city.

Sincerely,

Patrick Conness

January 30th, 2022

Phil Thornberg
Director of Parks, Recreation & Beaches

Dear Mr. Thornberg,

I'm writing to you in support of naming a field at Holiday Park in honor of Bill Joyner. I had the honor of not only being friends with Bill, but playing farm and little league baseball at Holiday Park when he ran the little league program. The one thing that I remember from his tenure was his passion! He was very passionate about baseball, and very passionate about the little league program at Holiday Park. That passion helped shape the baseball program that's enjoyed today by the next generations, including my nephews. It's hard to think of someone more fitting to name a field after. Thank you for your consideration.

Rob Arrington

Robert B. Ward
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February 9, 2022

Mr. Phil Thornberg
Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches
City of Fort Lauderdale, FL

RE: Naming a Holiday Park Baseball Field Bill Joyner Field

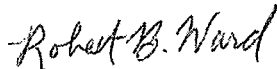
Dear Mr. Thornberg,

My name is Rob Ward and I have lived in Fort Lauderdale since my birth in 1978. My first foray into youth baseball began with Tee ball at age five at Holiday Park and it continued until I finished out Little League during my 8th grade year. Some of my fondest and most cherished memories are from those years out on those fields with my friends as my teammates and with our parents in the stands cheering us along.

Now, I knew Bill Joyner was involved. After all, he was my coach for all of those years and he happened to be one of my parents' best friends and his son, one of mine. What I did not know, unfortunately, until his recent passing, was that he was in large part responsible for the baseball program altogether. As a child, you don't think about those things, but I recently learned from my father how instrumental Bill was in getting the program off the ground.

Ironically, my own son turns five later this year and will begin his own baseball journey on those same fields I have such fond memories of... and I very much hope that one of the fields he plays on will be known as "Bill Joyner Field".

Sincerely,



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February 8, 2022

Mr. Phil Thornberg
Director of Parks, Recreation & Beaches
City of Fort Lauderdale

Dear Mr. Thornberg,

I am writing to urge you to dedicate and name a baseball field at Holiday Park after the late Bill Joyner. In my nine years as a coach affiliated with the Holiday Park little league, I had the pleasure of working with Bill. We coached two teams together and devoted countless hours to the program as a whole. As the president of the league, Bill was more than devoted and often went into his own pockets to help children that could not afford equipment. He bought maintenance equipment to maintain the fields when the city refused to. I have no doubt that without him, the program would cease to exist. He deserves to be honored for the time and work he gave to our children and the city.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. O'Day
City of Fort Lauderdale
Retired Battalion Chief