

Coach Basilio William "Bill" Ricco

WHEREAS, Bill Ricco was a successful educator, football coach and administrator in a career that spanned over 44 years at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ricco was born in Cleveland, graduated from John Adams High School, served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, received his Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Dayton and his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Akron; and

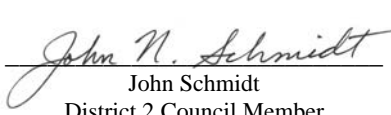
WHEREAS, Coach Ricco began his career teaching at Delphos St. John's High School and Cleveland St. Ignatius High School before arriving at Walsh Jesuit High School. At Walsh, he became the school's pioneering athletic director and head football coach, when it opened in 1965; and

WHEREAS, under Coach Ricco, Walsh quickly became an area football power, posting undefeated seasons in 1970, 1972, and 1976, with the 1976 team not allowing a touchdown the entire season. Coach Ricco was named Summit County Coach of the Year in 1970, the Ohio High School Coach of the Year in 1976 and he is a member of the Summit County Sports Hall of Fame; and


WHEREAS, Coach Ricco later served as Principal at Walsh from 1988-1996, guiding the school's successful transition from an all male enrollment to a co-ed campus in 1993. From the fall of 1996 to 2009, he assisted in the counseling and alumni departments of the school. Coach Ricco was a loving and devoted husband to his late wife Carolyn, a loving father to his three children and a father figure, friend, mentor, and counselor to many others.


NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all and declared by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio that this Council wishes to express its thanks and gratitude to Coach Bill Ricco for his lifelong contribution to this community.

We urge all citizens to join in honoring Coach Ricco in memorium for his commitment to public service on this 14th day of September in the year 2009.

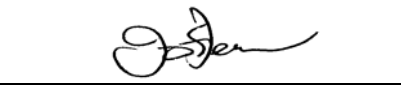

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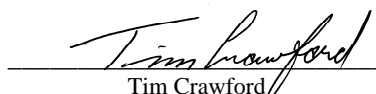

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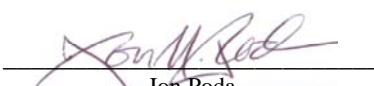

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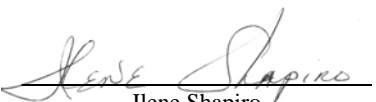

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