



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dedication of Field to Ron Kramer

Despite threatening clouds earlier in the day, blue skies prevailed for the dedication of the field at the Pete Sultis Stadium in the Memorial Sports Complex at Robert E. Lee High School to Ron Kramer, former Robert E. Lee High School head coach and Goose Creek CISD athletic director.

From a podium on the track at the stadium, Greg Lynd, Robert E. Lee High School principal welcomed the guests for the event, which took place between the freshman and junior varsity football games at Sultis Stadium. The setting was significant for the Kramer family, since Coach Kramer served as head coach at REL for 16 years, and the Lee vs. Sterling football games that day were a reminder of the traditional rivalry between the two schools, which was even stronger during Kramer's reign.

Randal O'Brien, GCCISD acting superintendent, introduced special guests, including Al Richard, former GCCISD teacher, principal and athletic director, who served as master of ceremonies. During his time as athletic director, Richard had asked the GCCISD Board of Trustees to consider naming a facility for Ron Kramer. Richard introduced the Kramer family, including Kramer's wife Merla, who retired in 2013 after 38 years with Goose Creek CISD; sons Kyle and Scott and Scott's wife Claire. Mark Kramer, Lou Ann Martin and Kay Smith, Kramer's nephew and nieces, also attended.

The pledges were led by Tara Beavers, REL Student Council president and drum major, and the national anthem was sung by Cory Morrow, country music recording artist and friend of the Kramer family. Karl Scantlen, former coach and one of Kramer's best friends, was unable to attend, but Scott Kramer read some of Scantlen's special memories of their coaching days.

Bernie Mulvaney, Goose Creek CISD athletic director, introduced Bob Hoskins, Baytown City Council member and former Gander player, who read a Proclamation from the Mayor's Office designating August 28, 2014, Ron Kramer Day in Baytown.

The Robert E. Lee High School Band added to the festivity with "Deep in the Heart of Texas" and "Dull Razor Blues," a traditional REL song, concluding the event with the "Robert E. Lee High School Alma Mater." The Celebrities Dance Team officers performed a stand routine, and the REL cheerleaders led "We've Got a School."

Dr. Barbara Sultis, former Goose Creek CISD superintendent, reflected on Kramer's career, sharing her memories of Kramer and his family. Dr. Sultis is the daughter of Pete Sultis, for whom the stadium is named.



Kyle Kramer (left) and Scott Kramer (right), sons of Ron Kramer, former REL coach and GCCISD athletic director, pose with their mother Merla, former GCCISD teacher, at the Ron Kramer Field Dedication. [View photo gallery here.](#)

Sultis presented a plaque, which was a replica of the plaque mounted at the entrance to the stadium, to the family. Merla Kramer expressed her appreciation to everyone who had made the event special, telling the band, Celebrities and cheerleaders that they were "so important to the football program."

The bronze plaque honoring Ron Kramer was unveiled by O'Brien at the front of the stadium. Kramer served Goose Creek CISD from 1959 – 1991 as head coach at REL and as the district's athletic director. He died in 2005.

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