



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Stallworth Plaque Unveiled

Goose Creek CISD unveiled a plaque honoring Dan Stallworth, former Robert E. Lee High School head football coach and Goose Creek CISD athletic, recreation and physical education director, recently at Gate 1 of Stallworth Stadium. Stallworth served Goose Creek CISD from 1939 – 1969, and Stallworth Stadium was opened and named in his honor in 1969. He died in 1985.

During his 16 years as head coach at Robert E. Lee High School, Stallworth brought the Ganders to power in schoolboy football ranks, earning 150 wins, 35 losses and 10 ties. His teams captured 12 district, eight bi-district, seven quarterfinal and two semifinal titles, making state championship appearances in 1951 and 1952. Three of his players were named All-Americans.

Randal O'Brien, acting superintendent for Goose Creek CISD, welcomed and recognized guests. Tara Bevers, REL Student Council president, and Catherine Young, REL Student Council vice president, led the pledges, and Symone Scott, REL choir student, sang the national anthem.

Daniel Blackford, member of the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees, introduced Dr. George Walmsley, former REL running back in the 1940s under Coach Dan Stallworth, who told how Stallworth inspired his players, even helping to prepare those who would go into the military for what they would encounter.

"He was a very, very aggressive and magnetic man, and he taught the concept of, 'We're going to win this game,' to the Robert E. Lee Ganders, which has pretty much stayed with them ever since," said Dr. Walmsley.

Mary Hartman Brown, former REL English teacher and daughter of Stallworth's close friend Fred Hartman, spoke about her memories of Stallworth as a coach and as a family friend.

"It's a long time past those glory days for Dan, but he's etched in the minds of those of us that experienced them with him, and this plaque that we're unveiling tonight will certainly help perpetuate the memory," said Brown. "His leadership strength still lingers for these youngsters—just listen for it."



Randal O'Brien, acting superintendent for GCCISD; Dr. George Walmsley, former REL Gander football player; Mary Hartman Brown, friend of the Stallworth family and Bernie Mulvaney, GCCISD athletic director, unveil the plaque at Stallworth Stadium in honor of Coach Dan Stallworth. View more photos [here](#).

Mercedes Renteria, mayor pro tem, presented the proclamation, designating October 10, 2014, as Dan Stallworth Day in Baytown. After the REL cheerleaders performed a traditional REL cheer, "We've Got a School," Bernie Mulvaney, Goose Creek CISD athletic director, read the inscription on a small plaque, a replica of the bronze plaque at Gate 1, which will be sent to Stallworth's daughter Lucy Kubiszyn in Alabama. The plaque was unveiled by O'Brien, Renteria, Dr. Walmsley, Brown and Mulvaney.

At the bottom of the plaque is a quote from *The Ganders 1956 Football Album*:

"An astute football mind, bordering on genius, Stallworth's use of psychology and his executive ability lie behind his coaching success."

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