



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Goose Creek CISD renames sites in honor of principal, coaches

The Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees recently honored two coaching legends and a longtime administrator by naming sites in their honor.

- The Robert E. Lee High School Auditorium is now named after Henry Armstrong, one of the school's longest-serving principals.
  - The football field at Lee High School's Sultis Stadium is now named after longtime football Coach Ron Kramer.
  - And the court at the Winnie Brown Gymnasium at Ross S. Sterling High School is now named after longtime coach Walter R. "Woody" Walker.
- The action was spurred by a request from retired Goose Creek Memorial High School Principal Al Richard.

Mr. Armstrong was a principal for 30 years at Robert E. Lee High School. He served the students at Goose Creek CISD from 1957 through 1988 and was a well-loved and respected educator.

A previous Board had honored Mr. Armstrong by naming the natatorium at Robert E. Lee High School after him; however, the natatorium was torn down for expansion of the athletic facilities.

"He was my principal, believe it or not," said Board member Ken Martin who made the motion to rename the auditorium, which the Board did.

Coach Kramer was head football coach at Robert E. Lee High School until his retirement as Athletic Director for Goose Creek CISD. He had 109 wins and 54 losses, one district co-championship, four district championships, five trips to bi-district playoffs, two trips to regional playoffs and one trip to state quarterfinals.

Under Coach Kramer's watch, 96 Lee students were named all-district, three were south all-star team members, four all-starters, six outstanding backs in the district and in 1976, Alvin Rubin was named All-American.

He was with the District from 1959 through 1991 and was a loved and respected educator. Coach Kramer passed away in 2005.

His wife, Merla, is a teacher at Goose Creek Memorial High School.

Known as the "Father of Sterling Basketball," Coach Walker was a long time athletic coach and teacher at Baytown Junior School and Sterling High School. He was successful in basketball and coached several district championship and playoff teams.

He also had golf teams that excelled. He served the students of the District from 1955 through 1988. He is a member of the Texas A&M Hall of Honor.

Former Sterling principal, Jimmy Creel, said Coach Walker "brought honor to the coaching profession, to Goose Creek CISD, and to Sterling High School."

Coach Walker, wife and members of family attended the Board meeting on July 23.

He said he was proud to serve alongside Winnie Brown, Sterling's first principal.

"She was a great lady and I am honored for my name to be associated with her's," Coach Walker said about the court being named after him.

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