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Dear Board of Directors.

Although I do not live in Scarsdale, I was raised there along with my three brothers. I visit town frequently as I have childhood friends who still live in town.

When I heard there was a movement to honor "Rippy" in naming a field after him, I thought there is no other person that is more deserving of this honor. I have known Rippy ( and family) since grade school. I can't say enough about the Phillips.

I come back and attend Raider football games every year. To see Rippy introducing the youth football players onto the field during halftime while the "little Raiders" in grades 3rd through 8th grade run through the paper signs eventually congregating in a circle around Rippy; as he leads a series of songs that includes "I wanna be a Scarsdale Raider" is just heartwarming. Rippy has always been an advocate and a leader within the community, and I am in full support of naming one of Scarsdale's athletic fields after Richard "Rippy" Phillips.

I am hopeful that If a field is named in Rippy's honor I will be able to attend the ceremony.

Best Regards,

Adam

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