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**From:** Kathy Coleman <kjvcoleman@aol.com>  
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**To:** Mayor; Clerk's Department  
**Subject:** The Richard "Rippy" Philipps Field

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Dear Dignitaries,

I am writing in support of the effort to name the field after this gentleman who has gone above and beyond to support so many student athletes from this community.

I am the mother of two female athletes so we never had the pleasure of being coached by Rippy. However, I did serve as co-president of Maroon and White for three years and interacted with him frequently in that role. I would venture to say there are very few members of this community who are as dedicated to the well-being of our student athletes as Rippy. He is distinguished from the others in that he continues to support many through college and beyond. I have heard tales of him continuing to support kids who opted out of the athletic programs not to mention those who lost a parent or the families who lost their child.

As a community volunteer, he is well-versed in the issues and concerns facing the athletes, parents, coaches, leagues, and athletic programs and offers consistent support and creative solutions; always working toward the betterment of what we can offer the kids and the programs.

As a social friend and co-volunteer of many parents whose children were coached by Rippy, I've yet to hear anyone who "turned" on him which might be his greatest accomplishment of all in a community of such high expectations! That's not to say some didn't feel their child was taught a hard lesson or two but they came to see there is great value in that as well.

Please vote YES to naming the field after this much deserving community volunteer.

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