

March 12, 2002

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE THE NAMING OF THE JOINTLY OWNED BASEBALL FIELD IN TRIBUTE TO MR. HARRY T. MOORE

It is requested that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, consent to the naming of the joint-use baseball field to the "Harry T. Moore Baseball Field." The baseball field at the Jan Mann Middle School is sited on property jointly owned by the School Board and Florida Memorial College.

The School Board Attorney has reviewed the lease for the field and the joint-use agreements, and has determined that this request does not fall within the parameters of School Board Rule 6Gx13-7E-1.02, in that the naming tribute will not be for a school or school faculty staff member as required by that rule.

Mr. Harry T. Moore was an alumnus of Florida Memorial College, was an educator, and was an individual who sacrificed his life in the struggle for civil rights. In 1944 Mr. Moore organized the Progressive Voters' League, resulting in the registration of over 116,000 black voters, representing over 31 percent of all eligible black voters in the state at that time. In 1946, he later became a full-time paid organizer for the Florida NAACP, where he focused his efforts in building membership to a peak of over 10,000 in 63 branches. Mr. Moore and his wife died after a bomb exploded under their home on Christmas Day in 1951. Mr. Moore was the first NAACP official killed in the civil rights struggle.

In response to the recommendations of Dr. Albert E. Smith, Ph. D., President of Florida Memorial College, Mr. Willie Shatteen, Principal, Jan Mann Middle School, and supported by the Assistant Superintendent of Adult/Vocational and Alternative Education, it is requested that The Board consent to name the joint-use baseball field the "Harry T. Moore Baseball Field" to honor this outstanding individual.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, consent to name the joint-use baseball field at Jan Mann Middle School site the "Harry T. Moore Baseball Field".

REPLACEMENT
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