

CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

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RESOLUTION

concerning

NAMING OF FIELD

at

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

January 16, 1987

WHEREAS, Mr. Jess Dow served Southern Connecticut State University in a leadership role for many years as Director of Athletics and a member of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dow founded the intercollegiate football program at the University and developed it into the winningest program in New England among small colleges and universities with a 108-40-6 won-lost-tied record as head coach from 1948-65, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dow has been recognized throughout the nation and has brought acclaim and plaudits to the University with his election to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame and as a recipient of a Gold Key from the Connecticut Sportswriters Alliance, and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership as Director of Athletics, the University's intercollegiate athletic program ranks fourth among all colleges and universities in Division II of the National Collegiate Athletic Association for most individual titles, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That in recognition of his 29 years of distinguished service to Southern Connecticut State University, the planned all-purpose, outdoor athletic field on that campus be designated Jess Dow Field.

A Certified True Copy:

President
Southern Connecticut State University • New Haven
Western Connecticut State University • Danbury

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November 25, 1986

Dr. Dallas K. Beal President The Connecticut State University

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Dear Dr. Beal:

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I recommend for your consideration and the consideration of the Board of Trustees that the new all-purpose athletic field at Southern Connecticut State University be named in honor of Jess Dow, the retired athletic director and head football coach at the University. There has been a groundswell of support on campus, with our alumni, and in the greater New Haven community to honor Jess in this manner.

As you know, this project, presently in the design stage, has generated a considerable amount of interest and publicity on campus as well as in the New Haven community. Now that an architect has been assigned to the project, I feel that it is appropriate to name the field in Jess' honor at this time. This action would avoid confusion we've experienced in the past whereby projects have been mutually identified by function (i.e., the fieldhouse, the new science building). We then found that it takes some time for these projects to become readily identifiable with the formal project name after they had been named for the honorees.

The time schedule for the athletic field calls for its completion this summer to be ready for our fall athletic seasons in the 1987-88 academic year. Our immediate goal is to be able to identify this project with its formal name from its onset.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

Michael J. Adanti

President

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