

Director Phil Thornburg
Dir. of Parks, Recreation & Beaches
City of Ft. Lauderdale

Feb. 14, 2022

RE: Holiday Park Baseball Field Dedication in Memory of Bill Joyner

Dear Dir.Thornburg:

Imagine...more than 30 years ago, the Little League Program at Holiday Park was almost non-existent! Thankfully, for hundreds of kids, Bill Joyner, a man with a passion and vision for baseball, took the lead.

Between 1984--1993, Commissioner Bill Joyner brought to life a genuine baseball program! This included 2 batting cages, 4 covered dugouts and real uniforms, all with barely a raise in the registration fee. Through his timeless dedication, many kids went on to play Farm League, Senior League, College and even Major League Baseball. Today, many of these players are now dads coaching their kids or cheering them on from the stands!

Bill, (Williams Alexander Joyner), suddenly passed away on September 2, 2021. To celebrate his many achievements, and to honor a man who dedicated so many years to help make Holiday Park what it is today,

I have sent a letter to former coaches, players, opponents, and good friends of Bill's, asking them to share their

memories or positive interactions about Bill.

Our goal was to have enough letters of support in hopes of dedicating a Holiday Park Baseball Field named in his memory.

Please see the attached link below for the many letters I have received in support of this endeavor to honor a man

we feel is worthy of naming a Holiday Baseball Field in his name.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11p-ajJkLV3rq098Lnu_Dax3Dm_0-EPL?usp=sharing

I think the Joyner Family would be thrilled with this distinction.

Thank you very much for your support. Any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Lamar M. Spalding