

RESOLUTION RECORD
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRECKSVILLE

5418

Resolution No. _____

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE
ACHIEVEMENTS OF RALPH DESANTIS AND
DECLARING THE STADIUM DRIVE
HISTORICAL FOOTBALL FIELD
THE "RALPH DESANTIS FIELD"**

WHEREAS, Ralph DeSantis was a respected teacher and legendary coach for the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District for 30 years, educating his students in language arts, social studies, remedial reading and gifted and talented, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. DeSantis was selected twice as Brecksville-Broadview Heights Educator of the Year having served on numerous district textbook curriculum and policy committees, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. DeSantis was the "Voice of the Bees" for Boys and Girls Soccer, Holiday Wrestling Tournament, and Baseball Tournaments, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. DeSantis served as the Assistant Basketball, Football, and Track and Field Coach, coaching the 8th Grade football teams and Varsity Basketball teams for nearly forty years, finishing his basketball career at his alma mater, Cuyahoga Heights. He was mentored by Brecksville-Broadview Heights Coach legends Joe Vadini, Tony Niccoli, Bruce Lerch, and John D'Auria, and;

WHEREAS, Coach DeSantis is known for his milestone of over 300 victories coaching the 8th grade football teams. A majority of those victories were on the Brecksville Stadium Drive natural turf football field which has served the School District for nearly 80 years, and;

WHEREAS, Ralph DeSantis was inducted into the Brecksville –Broadview Heights Gallery of Achievement in 2019, at which time many of his colleagues, students, and student athletes fondly remembered coach DeSantis for being a role model, counselor, a revered father figure to some, and placing his athletic accomplishments aside, they spoke of his genuine love and concern, leadership and guidance, values and demeanor, all emulated by this outstanding man, a lasting tribute to his character and his very being.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Brecksville, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, that:

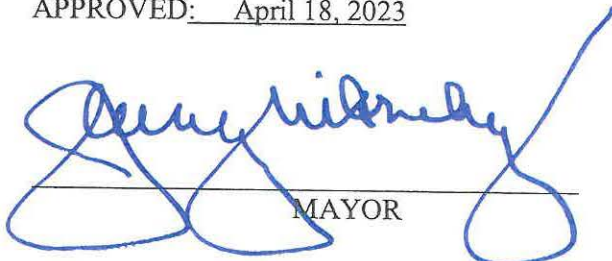
SECTION 1. The Mayor and Council wish to publicly commend and express appreciation to Ralph DeSantis for his dedicated, loyal, and committed service to the City of Brecksville, the Brecksville-Broadview Heights School District, and urge all residents to reflect upon and acknowledge Mr. DeSantis's contribution to the betterment of our youth and our community.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and Council of the City of Brecksville, and a grateful community, in honor of Mr. DeSantis' service and commitment due demonstrate our appreciation and admiration for his achievements, and do hereby declare the Stadium Drive Historic Football Field the "**Ralph DeSantis Field.**"

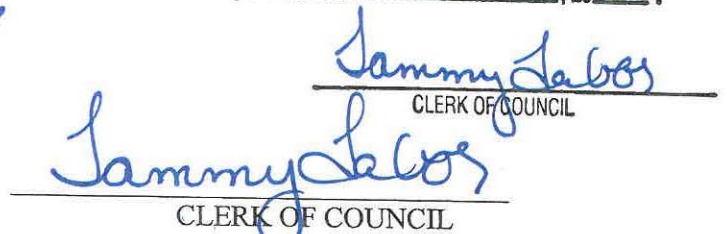
SECTION 3. The Clerk of Council be and she is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution and cause the delivery of same to the family of Ralph DeSantis. This Resolution shall be in full effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: April 18, 2023

APPROVED: April 18, 2023



MAYOR



CLERK OF COUNCIL

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 5418 duly passed by the Council of the City of Brecksville, Ohio, on 4.18, 2023 and that same was duly posted in accordance with the existing Charter of the City of Brecksville on 4.20, 2023.