



Devine Independent School District Board of Trustees Agenda Document

Meeting Date: December 16, 2024

Agenda Item: DSAC Gym Naming

Background Information:

The Sessions Family has a longstanding and meaningful connection to Devine ISD. Combined decades of leadership roles in the classroom, on a playing field or court, in administration, and even as “volunteers” as a scorekeeper or bus driver, Don, Gayle, Neva, and Jim contributed more than 108 years of impeccable service to the school and the wonderful community of Devine. The Sessions Family as a whole upheld values of integrity, dedication, and respect that embody the very spirit of DISD and stands as a testament to their unyielding devotion to not only the district, but also to every student that had the honor to be in any of their classroom settings or within the same confines of locker room or sports arena.

Administrative Consideration:

The administration would like to propose naming the playing court inside the Devine Student Activity Center “Sessions Court” in honor of all four members of the Sessions family.

While it is true that Gayle and Jim were the only two Sessions to coach basketball and amazingly amassing an estimated 1,800 victories in that sport alone, recognizing the entire Sessions Family impact including Don and Neva would set a powerful message to future generations about the family-values the district cherishes.

Sessions Court would serve as a firm and congenial reminder for past and present Arabians and Warhorses of a legacy left behind while also serving as an ongoing inspiration for future generations that devotion to a school and a community is appreciated and respected by those who have the power to make those decisions and that a century worth of devotion is not overlooked.

Thank you for considering this tribute to a family who, quite literally, gave a lifetime to Devine Independent School District and to the entire community of Devine, Texas.

Budgetary Consideration:

None

Supporting Documents:

Recommendation:

Approve naming the DSAC basketball court “Sessions Court”.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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