

RESOLUTION 1332

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, NAMING DORIS HERITAGE PARK AT THE GIG HARBOR SPORTS COMPLEX

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor is preparing to open Phase 1B of the Gig Harbor Sports Complex which will include pickle ball courts, bocce ball courts, a playground, covered stage, event lawn, restrooms, and other amenities; and

WHEREAS, the city council desires to differentiate the phases of the Sports Complex with individual names; and

WHEREAS, the city received 24 name suggestions from the public, which were reviewed by the Gig Harbor Parks Commission in accordance with the naming policy established by Resolution 717; and

WHEREAS, two of the name suggestions from the public referred to Doris Heritage, who was raised in the Gig Harbor area and attended Peninsula High School, where she was not allowed to run on the track team because girls were not allowed; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Heritage had a great number of accomplishments in running, including five consecutive world cross country championships, being the first woman to run sub-five minute mile indoors, two Olympic appearances, two world records in middle-distance running and was inducted into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from competitive running, Ms. Heritage became an accomplished coach at Seattle Pacific University for four decades, while also coaching two Olympic teams, coached ten top-10 cross country teams, had 20 athletes become All-Americans and was the second woman inducted into the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor:

Section 1. The city council recommends naming Phase 1B of the Sports Complex "Doris Heritage Park at the Gig Harbor Sports Complex."

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor at a regular meeting

thereof, held this 28th day of April, 2025.



Mary K. Barber
Mayor

Attest:



Joshua Stecker, CMC
City Clerk