

**RESOLUTION
NEWPORT INDEPENDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING AND NAMING THE PRESS BOX AT THE NEWPORT
STADIUM “PAUL BAKER PRESS BOX”**

Whereas, the Newport of Independent Board of Education is an independent Board of Education serving the families and children of the City of Newport, Kentucky; and

Whereas, the Newport schools have been the beneficiaries of countless, teachers, administrators, coaches, and other staff members, who have served the children of the district since inception; and

Whereas, the Board recently reconstructed the Newport Stadium, with new bleachers and press box; and

Whereas, Paul Baker was a student and graduate of the Newport Independent Schools; and

Whereas, Paul Baker began part-time work for the district in 1991 as both a substitute teacher and after school program tutor, all while also writing for the Kentucky Post; and

Whereas, in 1994 Paul Baker began full-time employment with the district as the Family Resource Coordinator, where he helped District families and children; and

Whereas, in addition to serving as the Family Resource Coordinator, Paul Baker coached football, wrestling and track. He also served as an athletic supervisor and director; and

Whereas, in addition to serving as the Resource Coordinator, a coach, athletic supervisor and director, Paul Baker also took on the role of District grant writer, all while continuing to perform his other jobs within the district. Past and present Board members saw Paul Baker’s dedication in that during most evening Board Meetings, the light in his office was always on and Paul Baker was working after hours; and

Whereas, Paul Baker’s marks on the district are too numerous to mention, mentoring families and children, both as a coordinator and coach and grant writing resulting in projects and programs, which have influenced the lives of many for the past 20 plus years and will continue into the future; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the Board to honor a person who contributed to so many elements of the educational system of the District.

It is Therefore Resolved by the Board of the Newport Independent School District as Follows:

That the newly constructed press box at the Newport Stadium shall be named the “Paul Baker Press Box,” as a tribute to a person who served the district for many years and made an indelible mark on so many.

Ramona Malone, Board Chair

Approved by Action of the Newport Independent Board of Education
October 25, 2023.