



BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

RESOLUTION

IN RESPECT OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FORMER FOLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH IVAN JONES.

WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss that we mourn the death of former Foley Football Coach and Principal Ivan Jones of Foley, Alabama, on Wednesday, February 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ivan Jones was born March 10, 1926 in Clarke County, Alabama and grew up near Jackson, Alabama. He attended Jackson High School and was drafted into the Navy before finishing high school and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II from 1944 to 1945; and

WHEREAS, after his discharge from the Navy in 1946, Coach Jones returned to Jackson High School and after graduation, attended Troy University where he graduated in 1951 and later earned his Master's degree from the University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life Coach Jones was always involved in and passionate about football, playing football for Jackson High School and later being a standout football player for Troy University until a severe bus accident ended his football career during his sophomore year; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jones began his teaching and coaching career after graduating Troy University in 1951. He took over the football program at Foley High School as Head Coach in 1955 where over the next 14 years, he turned Foley into one of the most dominant programs in the state, winning ten County Championships, two State Championships, and never having a losing season. During the 1960-1964 seasons, Coach Jones' teams had an incredible record of 47 wins and 3 losses. The 1961 team went 10-0 and outscored their opponents 433-6; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jones was a smart and savvy coach, but his greatest skill was his ability to relate to his players and build them up to play at a level far above their God-given talents. He coached many great athletes who went on to star at various SEC schools and play in the Senior Bowl. One of his star quarterbacks, Kenny Stabler, went on to play at the University of Alabama, won a national Championship, became a Collegiate All American, earned an NFL contract, won a Super Bowl and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jones retired as Head Coach after the 1968 season and served as a Principal at Foley for the next 20 years. He was loved by his players, students, and school staff his entire career. After retiring, he became an avid and talented golfer, playing regularly until his late eighties and once shot a round of 78 at age 81; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jones was a charter member of the Foley High School and Baldwin County Athletic Halls of Fame, he served as a coach in the state All-Star game, was selected Coach of the Year in the state and served as president of the Alabama Coaches Association, representing Alabama at the National Coaches Convention in Las Vegas in the late 1960s and being inducted into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame in 1994; and

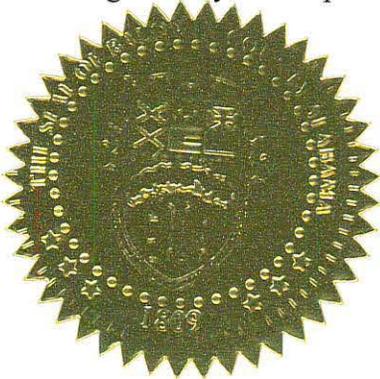
WHEREAS, the Foley football stadium was named the Ivan Jones Stadium in 2004 and Coach Jones received the L'Arche Mobile Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005 and the Alabama Football Coaches Association Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jones is survived by his wife of 58 years, Julia Bristow Jones and his sons Julian Darrell Jones and John Byron Jones; and

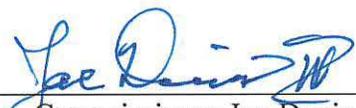
WHEREAS, Coach Jones loved Foley and for over 60 years tirelessly gave back to the school and community. For decades, he volunteered coaching summer league baseball, taught swimming lessons and was a volunteer middle school football coach until his late eighties. He was a positive influence on local youth for three generations; now therefore

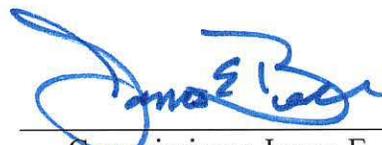
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that we recognize the many achievements and contributions of Coach Ivan Jones and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends, whose grief is shared by many.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be recorded in the official minutes of this honorable county governing body and embodied as *Resolution #2021-060 of the Baldwin County Commission*, be conveyed to the family of Coach Jones in sincere gratitude for his distinguished years of public service to the citizens of Baldwin County, Alabama.



IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the County of Baldwin to be affixed at the County Seat in Bay Minette, Alabama, on this 16th day of March, 2021.


Commissioner Joe Davis, III
Chairman


Commissioner James E. Ball
Vice Chairman


Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood


Commissioner Charles F. Gruber