

CITY OF DENTON NAMING APPLICATION
City Buildings, Facilities, Land, or Any Portion Thereof

Please type or print clearly in ink:

Date of Submittal

3-20-23

Commemorative Naming (Check One):

Individual ☒

Organization ☐

Individual or Organization Submitting Nomination:

DAVID MARTIN / N.T. UMPIRE ASSOCIATION

Recommended Name of City Building, Facility, Land, or Any Portion Thereof:

JOHN ROYSTER CLASSIC JUNETEENTH CLASSIC

Location of City Building, Facility, Land, or Any Portion Thereof:

Address

Description of Location

Cross Street

JUNETEENTH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Explanation of why this name should be considered. Please include the individual's biographical information and vitae or resume. Use additional sheets, if necessary:

We respectfully request the tournament be named- **THE JOHN ROYSTER JUNETEENTH CLASSIC**

John played softball for many years and frequently pitched for his team. Most folks who played in Denton knew him. In later years, he became an umpire, and excelled in that, too. He umpired the Juneteenth tournament for many, many years. He was named the 2019 USA Softball of Texas Umpire of the Year. John passed in March of 2022 at the age of 67.

From the nomination form for Umpire of the Year-

John Royster is a veteran umpire and a great guy. He is one of our top umpires in Denton County. He is well-liked by his fellow officials. He works several nights per week. John is always willing to fill in on short notice. He played slow pitch softball for many years and made the transition to umpiring very smoothly. He is a great observer of other umpires and likes to discuss signals and rules. He shows up on time and in full uniform, and frequently has a question or observation he wants to share prior to taking the field. This is frequently done in an amusing way as he has a great sense of humor. He also volunteers at Special Olympics events whenever he is asked. He has officiated several local S.O. tournaments and some State Championships, too. When umpire training is scheduled, he almost always shows up to assist the trainers. He is easy-going on the field and most participants know him by name and greet him when he walks up. John is a Marine veteran, but is very humble about his service.- David Martin

Great guy with a real passion for the game! -Brian Rutland

I've had the pleasure of calling with John Royster for a number of years. He's a solid umpire that has a great rapport with his partners and players. He represents USA Softball very well. -Bruce Kaufman

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Date:

David Martin

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