



NORTH COAST SECTION, CIF

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is without reservation that I write to support efforts to name the track & field facility at Santa Rosa High School after longtime track & field and cross-country coach Doug Courtemarche. Doug has exemplified the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and moral character during his long coaching career, an outstanding role model for all coaches in the Redwood Empire, CIF-North Coast Section and the California Interscholastic Federation.

Coach Courtemarche has coached at Santa Rosa High School for over 25 years. Such dedication is rare in today's coaching ranks. His teams have been extremely successful, winning many North Bay League and Section championships, as well as sending many highly successful track & cross-country athletes on to the North Coast Section and CIF State Championships. While managing his large teams and coaching staff, Doug has always accepted the additional responsibility of hosting many league and section events involving thousands of competing athletes, and always conducting the competitions as first-class events. But more importantly, his coaching philosophy, that centers on respect to all, good sportsmanship and practice and competition that teaches life skills, are his trademark.

In closing, the naming of the track & field facility at Santa Rosa High School after Doug Courtemarche reflects the value and true spirit of giving of oneself, to serving a community. Coach Courtemarche is an outstanding person, colleague, and mentor to all who have known him, and I certainly support any effort to recognize and honor any individual who has served with great integrity and longevity.

Sincerely,

Gil Lemmon
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