

**SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-2

**A Resolution Naming the Track
At Hobart High School
After Coach James T. “JJ” Johnston, Sr.**

WHEREAS, James T. Johnston was a member of the Hobart High School Class of 1954, and while in High School earned eleven (11) varsity letters; four (4) in basketball, four(4) in track and field, and three (3) in football; and

WHEREAS, while in High School, as a Brickie, he set records in basketball for most points in a game (42) and All-time leading scorer (1,295 career points) and was the 1954 IHSA State Champion Pole Vault; and

WHEREAS, while at Purdue James T .Johnston was an All-American Track and Field Athlete, Winning Big Ten Titles in 1957 and 1959, and was the NCAA Pole Vault Champion in 1958 and Runner up in 1959; and

WHEREAS, after serving our country in the U.S. Army, and competing in the 1960 Olympic Trials James T. Johnston, Sr. became a coach and teacher at Hobart High School; and

WHEREAS, Coach Johnston coached Boys Track from 1961-2006, and Varsity Boys Basketball from 1964-1969, and in the weight room for over forty (40) years and during that time coached four (4) State Champions in the Pole Vault; and

WHEREAS, Coach Johnston was inducted into the Indiana Track and Field Hall of Fame, and the Hobart Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Coach James T. Johnston has brought honor to the School City of Hobart, as a student, as a coach and as a teacher for over forty (40) years; and

WHEREAS, Coach Johnston has embodied in his life and instilled in generations of students the ethic of hard work and dedication that is the hallmark of Brickie success; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the School City of Hobart finds that it is

appropriate that the memory of Coach Johnston be honored in a way that will inspire future Brickie athletes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the track at Hobart High School be named for Coach James T. "JJ" Johnston, Sr. and that an appropriate plaque be placed at a location approved by the Superintendent to memorialize this designation.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2021.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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By: _____
Terry D. Butler, President

ATTEST:

Rikki A. Guthrie, Secretary