



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

July 21, 2022

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Memorials & Dedications at a Meeting held on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, considered a COMMUNICATION, Council President Lopes, submitting a letter from the Committee to Honor the late Thomas Wayne Barao, New Bedford High School Basketball Player Class of 1968, regarding naming the basketball court at Ashley Park in Mr. Barao's honor. (To be Referred to the Committee on Memorials and Dedications.) (Ref'd 10/26/17)

On motion by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Markey, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council take "No Further Action" on the COMMUNICATION, Council President Lopes, submitting a letter from the Committee to Honor the late Thomas Wayne Barao, New Bedford High School Basketball Player Class of 1968, regarding naming the basketball court at Ashley Park in Mr. Barao's honor. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS &
DEDICATIONS

Councillor Naomi R. A. Carney, Chairperson

NRAC/at

10-17-2017

TO: MR. JOE LOPES CITY COUNSELOR WARD 6
WILLIAMS ST.
CITY of NEW BEDFORD, MASS.02740

FROM: COMMITTEE to HONOR "THOMAS WAYNE BARAO"

DEAR; COUNSELOR LOPES

OUR COMMITTEE IS MOSTLY COMPRISED OF LOCAL AREA HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE ATHLETES AREA COACHES, TEACHERS AND EDUCATORS. THOMAS BARAO WAS THE GREATEST of ALL NEW BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOLS BASKETBALL PLAYERS. HE HELD THE SCHOOLS SCORING TITLE FOR OVER 30 YEARS. HE LEAD THE CRIMSON TIDE TO TWO GREATER BOSTON LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS CAPTURING A "MVP" AWARD ALONG THE WAY.

IN 1968 HE LEAD THE CRIMSON TO THE TECH TOURNEY CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. TOM HAD A TOURNMENT RECORD 29 REBOUNDS ONE GAME. HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PIONEERS THAT PUT THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD & N.B.H.S. ON the MAP IN MASSACHUETTS. TOM WAS INDUCTED IN THE NEW BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOLS BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME. HE WAS A McDONALDS ALL AMERICAN AND UPON GRADUATION IN 1968 ATTENDED the UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN ON A BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP. HE LATER FINISHED HIS EDUCATION AND BASKETBALL CAREER AT U.R.I. IN PROVIDENCE R.I. TOM THEN CAME BACK TO NEW BEDFORD AND TAUGHT

SCHOOL AND BECAME an ASST. COACH AT N.B.H.S.
THROUGHOUT HIS LIFETIME HE WORKED FOR THE CITY
OF NEW BEDFORD AS A PARK ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT. AS WE,LL AS A
LIFEGUARD AT EAST BEACH,. TOM REFFed AND COACHED
MANY 100,S OF KIDS WHO LOOKED UP TO HIM BECAUSE
OF HIS TREMENDOUS BASKETBALL TALENTS
AND HIS ILLUSTIOUS CAREER.

THOMAS WAYNE BAROA DIED AT THE AGE OF 67 YEARS
ON MARCH 31ST.,2017 . HE STARTED HIS CAREER AT
“ASHLEY PARK” at A VERY EARLY AGE AROUND 1960-61.
HE SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS AND YEARS OF PRACTICE
PERFECTING HIS SKILLS TO BECOME THE OUTSTANDING
PLAYER, MAN AND FATHER THAT HE WAS. TOM STILL
SPENT MANY YEARS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE
PLAYING BALL AT “ASHLEY PARK”.

SO IN HIS NAME WHAT WE THE COMITTEE ARE SIMPLY
ASKING IS THAT THE CITY of NEW BEDFORD DEDICATE TO
“THOMAS WAYNE BARAO” THE ASHLEY PARK
BASKETBALL COURT AND PLACE A PLAQUE THERE PAID
FOR BY OUR COMMITTE TO HONOR HIM AND TO NAME
THE COURT AFTER THOMAS WAYNE BARAO 1950-2017.
THANK-YOU.....

THE COMMITTEE to HONOR “THOMAS WAYNE BAROA”

CHARLES LOPES

BILL WALSH

STEVE AUGISTINE

PAUL WALSH

DENNIS LABELLE

THOMAS GOMES

MIKE REEDY

MICHEAL JANSEN, ETC, ETC, ETC,.