



LAKEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS HALL OF FAME *Proclamation*

WHEREAS The Lakewood Public Schools Hall of Fame is a tribute to men and women who have made exceptional contributions to society, achieved extraordinary success, exhibited good character and action, bringing honor and prestige to Lakewood High School. Hall of Fame inductees are recognized as outstanding role models for our students and have reached above and beyond the ordinary.

WHEREAS Mr. Rolly Krauss, is formally inducted into the Lakewood Public Schools Hall of Fame on April 26, 2023 by the nominating committee, for excellence and dedication to the Lakewood school community.

WHEREAS Rolly joined Lakewood Public Schools in 1968, first teaching Typing and General Business at Lakewood High School. Mr. Krauss later taught Physical Education, and took creative steps to find affordable sports equipment for his students. Rolly spent his entire professional career at Lakewood Public Schools, teaching and coaching high school students. During that time, he amassed incredible records in boys' basketball, cross country, and women's softball. Mr. Krauss was an ambassador for Lakewood Public Schools across the State of Michigan. He was recognized by his peers for induction into the State of Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame for his highly successful coaching career that included over 200 wins and a State Class B boys' basketball championship in 1975, followed by numerous notable championships. Rolly also taught drivers education and instilled safe driving techniques in Lakewood youth. Mr. Krauss was known to his students as creative, highly organized, totally dedicated, and making a lasting positive difference in their lives both in academics and athletics.

WHEREAS He has been very involved in community service his entire life. Aside from official duties, Rolly volunteered to be the scorer and spotter at Lakewood football games, a bookkeeper at freshman basketball games, and he provided ancillary support every year to the Lakewood Athletic Association since its inception in 1982. Mr. Krauss is the co-founder of the Michigan High School Basketball Coaches Association, served on the BCAM Board of Directors for six years, two years as president. Rolly served as the basketball representative for the United Press and worked with Jud Heathcote at the MSU summer basketball camp. Mr. Krauss provided an avenue for Lakewood students to downhill ski, organizing, fundraising, chaperoning, and making ski trips throughout northern Michigan and Colorado possible for students. He encouraged generations of students toward lifetime participation in healthy fitness. Rolly cherishes Lakewood High School and chose to live in our community, raising his two children, both all-conference athletes, with his wife Sharon.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen Williams, Lakewood High School Principal, do hereby proclaim that Mr. Rolly Krauss be inducted in the Lakewood Public Schools Hall of Fame.