

RESOLUTION NO. 1991

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF BILL SCHONELY FOR THE CURT GOWDY AWARD – NAISMITH BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME.

THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Bill Schonely was the broadcasting voice of the Portland Trail Blazers for more than thirty years, providing countless hours of enjoyment for Troutdale fans.
2. Bill Schonely called 2,522 Trail Blazer games during his broadcast career, including 84 playoff games. When he stepped away from the mic, Bill Schonely's 30-year career was the second longest consecutive broadcast career in the history of the National Basketball Association.
3. Bill Schonely was named Oregon Sportscaster of the Year by the Oregon Association of Broadcasters on 4 separate occasions. He was inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame in 2002 and was three times named Oregon Sportscaster of the year by the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association.
4. Bill Schonely coined the phrase "Rip City" for Portland's fans, and was nationally featured as the voice of the National Basketball Association's "Fun-tastic" campaign.
5. In the years during his career, and following his retirement, Bill Schonely has been and continues to be a pillar in the greater metro area, volunteering for worthy charities and causes that enhance the entire community.
6. Bill Schonely has demonstrated, by word and deed, the highest quality of character, humbly establishing himself as a worthy role-model for Troutdalians young and old.
7. The Troutdale Mayor and City Council believe that Bill Schonely has earned a place in the Hall of Fame.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE

- Section 1. The Troutdale Mayor and City Council hereby proclaim that Bill Schonely should be inducted into the Hall of Fame in recognition for his personal and professional accomplishments for the Portland Trail Blazers organization, its fans, and for our greater Portland-area community as a whole.
- Section 2 The Troutdale Mayor and City Council urges the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame to honor Bill Schonely with the Curt Gowdy Award in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to basketball as a member of the media.
- Section 3 This resolution is effective upon adoption.

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Jim Kight, Mayor

Debbie Stickney, City Recorder
Adopted: April 28, 2009