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Lincolnwood Names Basketball Courts in Honor of Jewell Loyd

LINCOLNWOOD, IL – On June 19, 2018 the Village Board announced their unanimous decision to name the Proesel Park basketball courts after longtime resident and WNBA player Jewell Loyd. The basketball courts, located in Proesel Park, the premier park in the Parks and Recreation system, will be named the Jewell Loyd Basketball Courts. The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department is proud to be able to recognize Jewell Loyd with this special honor.

The Loyd family has lived in Lincolnwood for over twenty years. Jewell grew up attending Lincolnwood schools, playing basketball at Drake Park and then as a four-year starter at Niles West High School, where she achieved the distinction of becoming an All American and receiving a Division 1 scholarship to the University of Notre Dame.

Jewell’s extraordinary athletic ability and performance continued as she became the second underclassman in league history to be the top draft pick in the 2015 WNBA Draft. After being drafted by the Seattle Storm, Jewell received Rookie of the Year Honors and was chosen second-team All-WNBA.

Jewell has also helped to increase the awareness and understanding of dyslexia, which she was diagnosed with at a young age. She has since been named an international ambassador for *Dyslexic Advantage*, and is a spokesperson for *Eye to Eye*, another organization to help people with learning disabilities.

According to her brother, Jarryd Loyd, “For all the athletic accolades, it is no mistake that Jewell’s best achievements have shone forth in the quality of human being she has always been and is

becoming. Jewell's focus on community, youth sports, and being a spokesperson for dyslexia inspires many to achieve their dreams.”

The Loyd family will be donating the funds to purchase two benches and a bronze plaque that honors the impact that Jewel has had on the Lincolnwood community. The benches and the plaque will be installed near the basketball courts in Proesel Park.

Once the installation is complete, a ceremony to recognize the naming of the basketball courts after Jewell Loyd will be scheduled.

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