

March 28, 2004

Milwaukee Citizen Advisory Board
C/O Mr. Kevin J. Bilello 2136 N. 62nd Street
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Subject: Renaming of Cleveland Playground to Modrzejewski Playground

To Whom It May Concern:

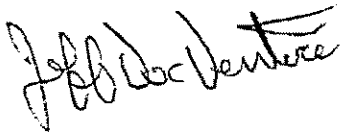
We, the Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Chapter One, wish to pledge our full support, for your consideration and hopeful resolution in favor of the renaming of Cleveland Playground to Modrzejewski Playground.

It will not only be a fitting tribute to our 1st Wisconsinite and Milwaukee Vietnam Veteran, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Robert Joseph Modrzejewski, but will most certainly serve as a reminder to all, the sacrifices made by Robert and all our Veterans who have and continue to serve and protect our freedoms. It would be a symbol to all who visit this Playground that our American ideals must continue to be protected and are worth the sacrifices that Robert and so many others have given.

Again, we, the Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Chapter One, appreciate your consideration for the renaming of Modrzejewski Playground.

We are looking forward to the successful completion of this very Special project as soon as possible.

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March 23, 2004

Kevin J. Bilello
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Re: Proposal to rename Cleveland Playground to Modrzejewski Playground.

Dear Kevin,

I am pleased and honored to have the opportunity to write this letter of support for renaming Cleveland Playground to Modrzejewski Playground. It is indeed a noble undertaking and I commend you in your resolve to see it become reality.

Robert Modrzejewski is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to him for his remarkable bravery in action against the enemy in Vietnam. Those who served in the military hold the Medal and the men who wear it in high esteem. President Truman said he would rather have the right to wear the Medal than be President. Eisenhower was offered but refused the Medal, saying he did not deserve it, and General Patton said he'd "give his bloody soul for it."

In these troubling, complex times there is need more now than ever for authentic role models like Robert for all us Americans to emulate, in particular the young who are constantly bombarded with images of fantasy heroes and false values. It is therefore timely and appropriate that Robert be so honored by his home town, and that his name and heroic deeds performed in the service of our country be memorialized for present and future generations. A children's park in his name will contribute much toward achieving this ideal in ways we may never know. I trust the Citizens advisory Committee will unanimously endorse the subject of this proposal at the earliest possible time and follow-up the process to ensure it's completion.

Sincerely



David J. Baldwin

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April 3, 2004

Kevin J. Bilello
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To Whom It May Concern:

At its February, 2004, state department meeting, the Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A., Department of Wisconsin, unanimously and enthusiastically voted to support the renaming of the Cleveland Playground in honor of one of our own, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Robert J. Modrzejewski.

Major Modrzejewski is a life member of our nation wide organization, belonging to Walter J. Muszynski Post 26, Cudahy, WI.

Members of Post 26 and the state department participated in a foyer dedication at Pulaski High School in honor of Major Modrzejewski several years ago.

We can think of no greater tribute to this hero beyond the Pulaski High School honor than the renaming of the Cleveland Playground near where he grew up on the South Side.

The Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A., Department of Wisconsin, is proud to support this proposal and urge due consideration to honor such an outstanding native of the City of Milwaukee.

With regards,

Joe Soulak
State Commander



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
JOSH ZEPNICK
WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY

April 2, 2004

Kevin J. Bilello
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Dear Mr. Bilello,

Thank you for your interest and efforts to have Cleveland Playground renamed Modrzejewski Playground, after Colonel Robert J. Modrzejewski. As a state official, I encourage you to gain the support of the area's Alderman.

Colonel Modrzejewski became the first citizen to receive a Medal of Honor for service in the Vietnam War. Growing up in his Polish-American south side neighborhood, Colonel Modrzejewski had a close association with Cleveland Playground, living only a block away. He used his time there to expand his passion for sports and the outdoors.

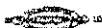
A student-athlete and a decorated Vietnam Veteran, Colonel Modrzejewski serves as a model for both children and adults. He sets an example of athletics, outdoor recreation and patriotism that we can all follow.

I feel that renaming Cleveland Playground to Modrzejewski Playground will serve as an excellent reminder of his distinguished life in the south side neighborhood where he grew up.

Thank you for the time and effort, Mr. Bilello, you have invested into this proposed name change.

Sincerely,

Josh Zepnick
State Representative
9th Assembly District



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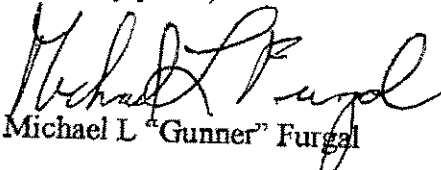
March 4, 2004

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Dear Mr. Bilello:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Wisconsin, fully supports your proposal to rename Cleveland Playground the Modrzejewski Playground. This would be a fitting tribute to honor the first Wisconsin citizen awarded the Medal of Honor for service in the Vietnam War.

Sincerely yours,


Michael L. "Gunner" Furgal