

City of Dora

Official Proclamation

Whereas, Christopher Wayne DeVaney was born on June 14, 1978, with spina bifida, but he never let this disability define his life; and

Whereas, Chris developed a love for the game of basketball and played whenever he could, including several years on the Lakeshore Foundation Junior Wheelchair Basketball team where he enjoyed the opportunity to travel and meet many other basketball players from around the area; and

Whereas, his home court became the Dora Park basketball facility, and he could be found there nearly every day playing basketball or simply socializing with his friends who shared the same love of the game and affectionately called him, "All-Star"; and

Whereas, Chris was not only a great basketball player, but was also a member of Boy Scout Troop 121 where Chris went on to earn his Eagle Scout Award; and

Whereas, Chris attended Dora High School and became an academic honor student and upon graduation, was awarded a Presidential Scholarship, and

Whereas, Chris was taken from this life far too early on November 19, 2016, leaving behind a loving family and a host of dear friends; and

Whereas the Boy Scout Law reads, "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent." and

Whereas, truly, Chris DeVaney lived that law daily; and

Whereas, the City of Dora wishes to recognize and honor Chris's life and the lasting impression he made on so many people; and

Now, therefore, I, Randy Stephens, Mayor of the City of Dora, and the Dora City Council, hereby proclaim that the basketball court at Dora City Park will forever be named the, "Chris DeVaney Memorial Basketball Court."

Randy Stephens
Mayor, City of Dora
December 5, 2016

ATTEST:

Marcy Brown, City Clerk