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CROWLEY, FORMER CIF-SS COMMISSIONER, PASSES

LOS ALAMITOS – It is with profound sorrow and deepest regret that the CIF Southern Section announces the passing of former Commissioner of Athletics, Dean Crowley.

Crowley, the 7th CIF-SS Commissioner who served from 1993-1999, died last night at the City of Hope surrounded by his family. He had just marked his 85th birthday two weeks ago.

“Dean Crowley was an icon in the athletic arena, not only at the high school level as an outstanding administrator but also through his many accomplishments during his officiating career and administrative work at the collegiate level as well,” stated CIF-SS Commissioner Rob Wigod.

“Dean was a trusted mentor, a valued friend and someone I was very fortunate to have a special relationship with. He defined leadership in my eyes and leaves a legacy of service to countless numbers of people who will always remember and appreciate him. This is a tremendous loss for our CIF Family and we send our sincere condolences to his wife Linda and their family,” added Wigod.

Crowley was born on May 11, 1934 and went on to graduate from Alhambra High in 1952. Upon graduation, he attended John Muir College (a two-year college on the campus of John Muir High School). In 1953, he transferred to Whittier College and in 1956 received his degree in Liberal Arts (sociology, psychology and physical education).

In 1956, he began his teaching career at Ocean View Elementary and East Whittier Intermediate Schools (East Whittier Unified School District) from 1956 to 1966.

In 1957, he was drafted into the Army. He was deployed to Nuremburg, Germany with the Army Military Police (became a sergeant) and was active in the recreation leagues as an official. When he returned to the United States he continued his teaching career and entered the Master Program at Whittier College paying his tuition with the GI Bill. He received his Master’s in Education in 1969.

In 1967, he moved to Gahr High School in Cerritos as a teacher and coach of the freshman football, JV basketball and J.V baseball teams. He then became the Athletic Director at Gahr. In later went on to become Vice Principal at Gahr and was active in within the CIF-SS.

In 1976, he became the Associate Commissioner of Athletics for the CIF-SS. He was responsible for

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CROWLEY (Cont.): cross country, water polo, basketball, soccer, badminton, golf, swimming and track & field plus numerous committees.

In 1994, he became the 7th Commissioner of the CIF-SS at the age of 59 years old and retired in 1999 after 23 years of service to the CIF-SS.

During his entire public career Dean continued his distinguished officiating, instructor and supervising career and helped the State CIF (Director of Championship Events) and CIF-SS stage athletic contests. He worked as football Division 1 NCAA official at the Aloha, Independence, Freedom and Las Vegas Bowl games. he also served on the board of the National Association of Sports Officials from 1995-1999. Crowley also served as Commissioner of the Foothill Conference of the California Community College Athletic Association from 1999 until 2016.

Information on services is pending.

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