



Memorial Resolution for Jim Stone 1941-2006

Through out his life, Jim Stone (ET59') put an abundance of energy and optimism to very good use. His strategic thinking, drive, and follow-through brought him distinction on the basketball court, in the academic arena, and in Cleveland's East Technical High School community.

Jim Stone was born in Cleveland, Ohio and became interested in basketball at an early age. He practiced day and night, even when his father put the basketball under lock and key he would find it and continue to practice. It was in elementary school that he developed his unusual jump shot.

A scholar-athlete in the East Tech's High School tradition, Jim Stone was a key player on and off the court. Jim and his talented East Tech's teammates won back-to-back state championships in the late 1950's. No other Cleveland area school had ever won the state title before.

After leaving East Technical High School, Jim enrolled at Grambling State University in Louisiana, and then transferred to Providence College in Rhode Island. At Providence, he continued his dream of basketball where he played with Lenny Wilkins and John Thompson. Despite knee injuries and surgeries, Jim Stone averaged 14 points a game his senior year. When Providence won the 1963 national Invitation tournament title, the Wall Street Journal called him the **"best one legged ballplayer in America"**.

Receiving a degree in Economics, Jim Stone was employed by the City of Cleveland finance department under mayors Carl B. Stokes and Ralph J. Perk. He later became employed in the finance department of a construction company during the building of the Perry Nuclear Plant.

Resolved that the East Technical High School Alumni Association's Board members convey their sorrow at the death of their Scarab alumnus, and in recording this official minute on behalf of the East Technical High School community, share their deep appreciation and affection with the family on one of East Tech's most esteemed and beloved alumni.

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