

**ILLINOIS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

Resolution No. 2025.07/30
Authorization to Name
Jay and Lori Bergman Field

Resolution

Whereas, the Board of Trustees, as authorized by the Board of Trustees Governing Document, Section C, Policies, Subsection IV-C, Naming of Facilities, shall approve the naming of all facilities at the University, and

Whereas, the football field at Hancock Stadium is located in Normal, Illinois, and

Whereas, Jay D. Bergman has committed financial resources to Illinois State University, and

Whereas, the University Naming Committee has recommended, and President Tarhule has endorsed, the recommendation as described herein:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees in regular meeting assembled, approves the naming of the football field at Hancock Stadium the “Jay and Lori Bergman Field” in recognition of financial support to Illinois State University.

Board Action on:	_____	Postpone:	_____
Motion by:	_____	Amend:	_____
Second by:	_____	Disapprove:	_____
Vote:	Yeas: _____ Nays: _____	Approve:	_____

ATTEST: Board Action, July 25, 2025

Secretary / Chairperson

**Board of Trustees
Illinois State University
Authorization to Name the Jay and Lori Bergman Field**

Illinois State University Athletics respectfully requests naming the football field at Hancock Stadium. This naming reflects and recognizes the generous financial commitment by Jay D. Bergman.

Jay D. Bergman, a 1970 graduate with a degree in business administration, has built a distinguished career as CEO and Chairman of Petco Petroleum Corp. In addition, he is the Majority Owner and Chairman of First Secure Bank Group, overseeing a network of banks throughout suburban Chicago. His leadership and generosity have made a lasting impact at Illinois State, where he has served on both the Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board. He also served on the Illinois Board of Higher Education, reflecting his deep commitment to advancing education across the state. Jay has been recognized with the Distinguished Alumni Award and was inducted into the ISU College of Business Hall of Fame.

Lori, who passed away in 2023, was a dedicated fan of Redbird Athletics along with Jay. She also enjoyed professional success as the Director of Training and Purchasing for First Secure Bank Group and gave her time to numerous community groups and philanthropic efforts.

Jay D. Bergman's financial commitment to ISU will have a substantial impact on Redbird Athletics and act as a catalyst for excellence in student-athlete program development and institutional distinction. As a result, we propose naming the football field at Hancock Stadium the Jay and Lori Bergman Field.