



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Illinois State University

Resolution Number 2026.07/37

Authorization to Name Illinois State Softball Dugout – In Honor of Holley Hinthorn

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 softball home dugout is located inside Marian Kneer Stadium, and

Whereas, Connie Hinthorn 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 approves the naming of the softball home dugout inside Marian Kneer Stadium as the “Illinois State Softball Dugout – In Honor of Holley Hinthorn” in recognition of financial support to Illinois State University.

For Office of the President use only:

Board Action on _____

Motion by _____

Second by _____

Vote _____ Years, _____ Nays

ATTEST: Board Action, July 24, 2026

Secretary / Chairperson

Board of Trustees
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Illinois State University Athletics respectfully requests naming the softball home dugout inside Marian Kneer Stadium as the Illinois State Softball Dugout – In Honor of Holley Hinthorn. This naming reflects and recognizes the generous financial commitment by Connie Hinthorn.

Holley Hinthorn graduated from Illinois State University in 2000 with a degree in business management. Holley and his wife Connie have been loyal supporters of Redbird Athletics since 1996, and Holley's sister, Julie served as an equipment manager for Redbird Athletics. Holley and Connie held season tickets for four sports, a tradition Connie has carried on since Holley's passing in 2023.

Connie Hinthorn's financial commitment to ISU Athletics will continue to enhance student experiences for years to come. As a result, we propose naming the softball home dugout inside Marian Kneer Stadium as the Illinois State Softball Dugout – In Honor of Holley Hinthorn.