



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CIFSDS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS TEACHING SPORTSMANSHIP**

THE STATE CIF APPROVED THE FORMATION OF THE SAN DIEGO SECTION TO BEGIN ITS OVERSIGHT OF INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION BEGINNING IN SCHOOL YEAR 1960-61; THIS SCHOOL YEAR MARKS THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANIVERSARY OF THE SECTION'S PURSUIT OF VICTORY WITH HONOR.

FORMERLY PART OF THE SOUTHERN SECTION, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS AND THE PRINCIPAL OF SAINT AGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL PETITIONED THE STATE CIF IN 1959 TO BECOME A SEPARATE SECTION. THE BASES OF THE REQUEST WAS THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE SOUTHERN SECTION; THE DIVERSITY OF REGIONS REPRESENTED; THE DIFFICULTY ACHIEVING A FAIR UNDERSTANDING OF LOCAL PROBLEMS BY SUCH A LARGE GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES; AN "INTENSE DESIRE BY THE PEOPLE IN THIS AREA TO CONTROL THEIR OWN AFFAIRS;" AND THE BELIEF THAT GOVERNMENT OF ATHLETIC COMPETITION SHOULD BE VESTED IN THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE DISTRICTS AS REPRESENTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENTS, RATHER THAN IN THE SCHOOLS.

THERE HAVE BEEN GLORIOUS MOMENTS OF ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT AND DEMONSTRATED SPORTSMANSHIP DURING THE PAST 50 YEARS. TO CELEBRATE THOSE MOMENTS DURING THIS ANNIVERSARY YEAR, THE CIFSDS WILL RECOGNIZE THE TOP 50 ATHLETES OR MOMENTS. MEMBER SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY, MEDIA AND INTERESTED FANS OF HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS WILL BE ASKED TO NOMINATE INDIVIUALS OR EVENTS FOR RECOGNITION.

ALSO, THE CIFSDS IS PLANNING TO LAUNCH ITS CIFSDS HALL OF FAME THIS YEAR TO RECOGNIZE THE ATHLETIC ACHIVEMENT OF ITS SCHOLAR ATHLETES.

INFORMATION REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROCESS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS AND MEDIA AND WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON CIFSDS.ORG.

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