

Bobby Simpson – well-known supporter of Jacksonville and Onslow County high school athletics. A standout three-sports athlete at Jacksonville High in the early 1950s, his career was cut short by an automobile accident in 1953 that left him paralyzed. He was active with civic groups in the community and continued to support JHS sports- whether in was helping an athlete get equipment to organizing buses until his death in 1992. He was named Community Man of the Year in 1992. Jacksonville High School's football field was named in his honor, and the City created the Bobby Simpson Memorial Award in 1993 to honor persons whose work has enhanced the lives of those with disabilities.