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Parkway will honor Rep. Rice

The late Rep. Jim Rice, DFL-Minneapolis, who brought home money for Minneapolis parks for 13 terms, will be commemorated in the city's park system.

The Park and Recreation Board has voted to rename West River Park-



Rep. Jim Rice

way, between Plymouth and Portland Avenues, to James I. Rice West River Parkway. The signs should go up by Nov. 1.

The change was proposed in 1997 by Tom Baker, then board president and one of Rice's political proteges. Board rules require a two-year period between a name-change proposal and the final vote.

Rice, who died in 1996 at 71, was chairman of the House Appropriations Committee for many years and worked with other city legislators to create North Mississippi Regional Park and to finance a number of other riverfront park projects.