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To: NCHSAA Hall of Fame Committee

I am writing this letter of recommendation for the NCHSAA Hall of Fame Committee to highly consider selecting former Concord High School Head Football Coach E.Z. Smith for acceptance into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. While I am originally from Pennsylvania and have not been the Superintendent of Cabarrus County Schools but for 2.5 years, it did not take long to understand the legacy, accomplishments, and the impact that Coach E.Z. Smith had on the Concord High School community and Cabarrus County. Coach Smith is most certainly a coaching legend in our community and throughout this state.

While Coach Smith's "on-the-field" accomplishments are extremely impressive, his "off-the-field" accomplishments, civic leadership, and relationships are just as impressive. Cabarrus County Schools was blessed to have Coach Smith as a teacher, Head Football Coach, and Athletic Director for many years...he is the perfect role model and example of what "education-based athletics" should be all about.

In closing, Coach Smith is a member of the Concord High School Hall of Fame, the Cabarrus County Hall of Fame, and the football field at Concord High School is named after Coach Smith. Coach Smith is very deserving of being selected as a member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame as well.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

John J. Kopiele

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Coach Smith led the Concord High School football program for an astounding 29 years in which his teams accumulated 254 wins and two state championships (2004 & 2006). Coach Smith's teams won 9 conference championships, 14 District Championships, 6 Sectional Championships, and two Western Regional Championships. Coach Smith was selected as the conference coach of the year 8 times, selected to coach in the East-West All-Star Game, and selected to coach in the N.C./S.C. Shrine Bowl Game.

I can personally say that Coach Smith was not just an excellent coach but was/is a man of outstanding moral/ethical values and character. While winning was important to Coach Smith, it was not what defined him as he truly cared about each and every player he ever coached and was an outstanding role model for his players. I can honestly say that Coach Smith always did/does what is right and truly exemplifies what high school coaching is all about. In the fall of 2016, in an effort to show our communities appreciation to Coach Smith for his leadership both on and off the field, Concord High School and Cabarrus County Schools named the Concord High School football field "E.Z. Smith Field".

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Sincerely,

Bryan Tyson

Director of Athletics Cabarrus County Schools

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Coach Smith possesses a rare combination of strategic insight, leadership skills, and a genuine passion for the sport. Under his guidance, the Concord High School Spider football team achieved remarkable success, not only in terms of victories on the field but also in fostering a positive and enriching environment for the student-athletes. The 2004 and 2006 State Championships and over 250 wins in his career are only a few of the highlights of his storied career.

Beyond his coaching prowess, Coach Smith is a role model for sportsmanship and integrity. His commitment to instilling values such as discipline, teamwork, and resilience in his players goes beyond the football field, leaving a lasting impact on their lives both academically and personally. Many of his former assistant coaches and players still make a positive impact on the community here in Concord and attribute their success to Coach Smith.

In conclusion, it is with great enthusiasm and conviction that I recommend Coach Smith for induction into the State Hall of Fame. His tireless dedication to the sport of football and the development of young individuals makes him an exemplary candidate for this prestigious honor and it is only fitting that the greatest coach in Cabarrus County and Concord High history be the first person from Concord or Cabarrus County to be inducted into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

Go Spiders!

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Dr. Adam Auerbach

Principal

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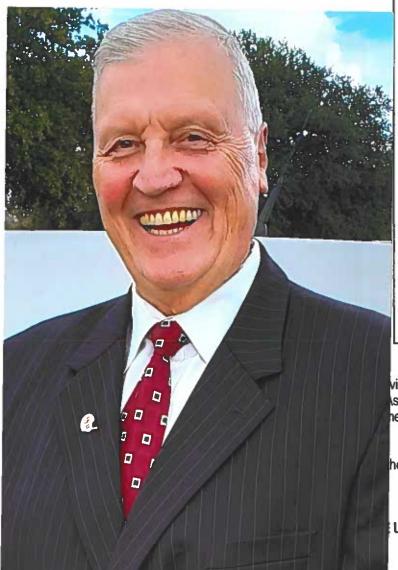
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