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TO: KABC COACHES COURT OF HONOR AWARDS RECIPIENTS OR
THEIR REPRESENTATIVE - Region 14, John Paul Amos, Buckhorn High
School

FROM: Ken Trivette, KABC Executive Director
Curtis Turley, KABC Assistant Director

RE: Award Information

Congratulations on being selected into the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches Court of Honor. The Award Program is designed to recognize coaches whose career has brought honor to our profession. The Award will be formally presented on Friday, March 20, 2009, **between games of the afternoon session** of the Sweet "16" State Tournament in Lexington, KY. The KABC will sponsor a reception for all award winners or their representatives at the Hyatt Hotel in Lexington, KY, Main Lobby Ballroom from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. EST, on Friday March 20, 2009.

John Paul Amis was like a "shooting star" across the horizon of 14th region basketball; in nine short years he enjoyed tremendous success at Buckhorn High School and then took his leadership abilities into school administration as superintendent of the Perry County Schools. He is currently one of the longest serving superintendents in the state.

Coach's Name: John Paul Amis

School Coached: Buckhorn High School

Years Coached: 1985-1994

Won/Lost record and other pertinent information: 179 wins and 101 losses
Back to back 14th Regional Champions in 1987-88 and 1988-89
Regional runners-up in 1990 and Regional semi-finalist in 1991
Won 14th Region All A Championship in 1994 (advanced to quarterfinals of state tournament)
Had six (6) twenty win seasons in nine (9) seasons
Prior to John Paul Amis becoming coach, Buckhorn H.S. had never won a district tourney game
Was named 14th Region "Coach of the Year" three (3) times

John Paul Amis resigned from coaching in 1994 to become Superintendent of the Perry County Schools and is currently in his fifteenth (15) year as Superintendent

***Wife is Rhonda Amis and we have two sons; Robert Paul Amis a sophomore member of the basketball team at the University of Virginia at Wise and Deron Scott Amis a senior member of the basketball team at Perry County Central High School.

JOHN PAUL AMIS

- *CURRENTLY IN 17TH YEAR AS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PERRY COUNTY SCHOOLS
- *MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS (KASS)
- *MEMBER AND FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE (KEDC)
- *SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR FOR KEDC
- *MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE KENTUCKY VALLEY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE (KVEC)
- *MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS (KASA)
- *MEMBER OF THE KENTUCKY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (KEA)
- *LEGISLATION CORPS MEMBER WITH THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS (AASA)
- *FORMER MEMBER OF THE COMMISSIONER'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- *MEMBER OF GOVERNOR BESHEAR'S TRANSITION TEAM
- *MEMBER OF THE KENTUCKY SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION'S (KSBA) KIDS FIRST COMMITTEE
- *FORMER MEMBER OF THE KENTUCKY RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT'S (KRADD) BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- *MEMBER OF CANCER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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To whom it may concern,

It is my honor to write you in support of Superintendent John Paul Amis' nomination to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

As someone who has played for Mr. Amis when he coached at Buckhorn, worked under his leadership as a teacher and coached in the same position that he achieved so much in, I feel uniquely qualified to recommend him for acceptance into the Hall of Fame.

As a player, I was fortunate enough to be at Buckhorn High during the height of Mr. Amis success. During my four years at Buckhorn, Mr. Amis led us to 2 regional championships, 1 district championship, 3 district runners up, 1 regional runner up and 1 regional semi-final. Overall, we won 88 games in my four years at Buckhorn, which makes us the most successful class in the history of the school.

Prior to Mr. Amis taking over the program in 1985, Buckhorn had never won a district tournament game. So, in 3 short seasons, Mr. Amis took our program from the bottom of the region to one of the top programs in Eastern Kentucky. Due to the success that Mr. Amis had led our program to, we were invited to play in places like Vero Beach, Florida and Las Vegas, Nevada, which to a group of young guys from the mountains was a big deal.

I started teaching and coaching at Buckhorn High School in 2002. Shortly, thereafter, our new school was built. Prior to the new school being built, we had one of the oldest buildings in the area. Our new school building is a \$2.5 million dollar facility. When Mr. Amis became Superintendent, it became a priority for him to see that our new school would be built and he was successful in that endeavor for our school and our community. Since being hired as Superintendent of Perry County, our county has had 2 schools receive new buildings and Perry County Central High School was consolidated from MC Napier and Dilce Combs high schools. Since its inception, Perry Central has become one of the most athletically successful schools in the region.

Now that I am in my 9th year as head coach of Buckhorn High School, I have gained an all new respect for everything Mr. Amis accomplished when he was here. For a school our size (200 students) to win 2 regional titles, 1 district title and 2 all a regional titles is a tremendous accomplishment. To put it in proper perspective, my previous 8 years here are amongst the other most successful years for our program. In those 8 years, we have 1 district runner up and 2 all a regional runners up.

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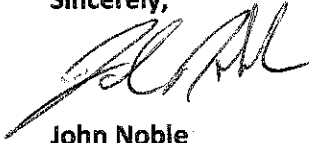
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In closing, I would like to strongly recommend Superintendent John Paul Amis for acceptance into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. From the day he took over the program as head coach in 1985 until today, he has had a tremendous impact on our basketball program, our school and our community. I would hope that all of his accomplishments and that impact would be most deserving of acceptance into the Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



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Athletic Director

Head Boys' Basketball Coach

Buckhorn High School

