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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure and honor to nominate Mrs. Nancy Crutcher Martin to the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Nancy is the most decorated athlete in Oldham County High School History; her list of accomplishments includes being a state champion in Cross Country, Track and Girls Basketball. She was the Most Valuable Player of the 1986 Girls State Basketball Tournament and signed a scholarship at Western Kentucky University when she was offered many out-of-state opportunities.

As Nancy's basketball coach I can honestly say she was the best athlete I ever coached and unquestionably the hardest working. Nancy came to practice everyday with an intense resolve to improve her skills. In games, Nancy was a determined competitor whose behavior was always exemplary. Perhaps the greatest testament to Nancy's character was when she tore knee ligaments early in her senior year that ended her season. Instead of succumbing to the pain and disappointment of her personal loss, Nancy continued to come to practice encouraging her teammates and working with younger players. Through all of this, Nancy demonstrated how to handle adversity by working hard to rehabilitate her knee and keeping a positive attitude. Nancy served as a role model on and off the court for all of our student-athletes. In recognition of her accomplishments and the example she set Oldham County High School retired her number after her senior year.

Today Nancy is still involved with high school athletics as the head basketball coach at North Oldham High School. She has always been loyal to Kentucky by choosing to stay in state during her college career and returning to coach in Oldham County. She exemplifies what we want from a Kentucky high school athlete: great work ethic, championship talent, well behaved and a role model for other student-athletes. Nancy would be a wonderful addition to the Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Dave Weedman
Principal



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Nancy Crutcher Martin for consideration for selection to the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame.

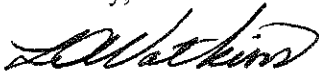
I coached Nancy in track and field at Oldham County High School from 1981 to 84 and 87. I first met Nancy when she was in the 6th grade at Oldham County Middle School. She came loping by me one day when I was on hall duty. I stopped her, asked her name and explained that she needed to slow down and walk in the hallway. Very politely she said, "Nancy Crutcher, yes sir". As she walked on to class, I told her if she liked to run she should go out for track in the spring. She did join the middle school track team that spring and ran very well. Actually better than any of my high school runners, but I chose not to move her to the varsity team that spring. Many times I have ask myself, "What was I thinking?"

From 1982 to 1986, she was a dominant force in whatever track and field competitions Oldham County entered. During that time period she won Individual State Titles in the 1600 meters and 3200 meters. In addition she was 2nd in the 800, 1600 and 3200 meters several times behind a very gifted runner, Donna Combs, who had moved into the state in 1984. Beyond her individual success what made her really special was her ability to be a team leader and willingness to do what ever she could to make us a stronger team. Many times she was not used in her best events. Oldham County had several other excellent distance runners. Nancy could run the longer sprint races, relays, throw the shot, high jump and long jump all at a skill level that would score in most invitational meets. She just loved to compete and did not put her winning in front of the team's success. In December of her senior year she sustained a season ending knee injury during a basketball game. That resulted in her not being able to compete during spring track but just being around encouraging other members of the team contributed to our success.

Her all around athletic ability and how her peers viewed her can be illustrated in this story. At the end of Nancy's eighth grade year, we took all of the eighth graders to the park for a field day. While at the park, a group for the middle school football players, who were 8 and 0 during the football season, wanted to play a game of "touch". They had selected captains and were about to start choosing sides when Nancy appeared. She asked me if she could play, at first I said, "No". The state track meet was only a week away, but after some persistence from the guys, normally they would not have wanted a girl to play, and an assurance that they were not going to play too rough, I said, yes. She was the first one selected. The best I remember she caught a pass for a touchdown and threw a pass for a touchdown. What I do remember is those eighth grade boys recognized her for what she was, a very gifted and talented athlete.

I had a picture of Nancy winning the Kentucky State Championship in the 1600 Meters in 1982 hanging in my offices at South Oldham Middle and Butler County Middle School. In that race she beat the defending state champion. They ran for 1500 meter side by side. Thirty meters from the finish line she had fallen about 2 meters behind. Somehow she came back to win by 3 to 4 inches. After the race I ask her what was she thinking. Her reply was, "I thought I cannot beat her, then I thought, the hell I can't". That was the most un-lady like thing I ever heard her say. In the years that I coached her she could have been the poster child for what we as coaches wish our student athletes would be like on and off the playing fields. I have used "Nancy Stories" more times then I can remember when talking to students who, for what ever reason, end up in the office. Many of those stories, dealt with her successes in cross-country and basketball, but I will leave that to other letter writers. She was a gifted runner, a furious competitor, and a team player. She has experienced the "thrills of victory and the agony of defeat" and I feel is very deserving of this recognition and selection to the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



Larry Watkins
Track Coach Oldham County High School
Retired Middle Level Principal
Kentucky Middle School Association Board
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September 27, 2006

Dawahares KHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination Committee:

It is my privilege to recommend Ms. Nancy Martin for the Kentucky High School Athletic Hall of Fame. I have known Ms. Martin for the past 26 years as her middle and high school cross country and track coach and more recently as her school superintendent.

Nancy has always been a person who puts forth a 100% effort in everything she does. She displayed tremendous leadership skills as a student athlete and has continued this practice over the years as a teacher and coach in the Oldham County schools. In addition, as the list below shows, she is a highly successful athlete.

- 1984, 1985 Cross Country State Champions
- 1986 Basketball State Champions

Individual Awards

- 1982, 1983 Cross Country State Champion
- 1982, 1983 1600 Meter State Champion
- 1983 3200 Meter State Champion
- 1986 MVP Girls State Basketball Championship
- 1986 1st Team All-State Basketball
- 1986/87 Pre-Season "Street and Smith" All-American
- 1986/87 Pre-Season No. 2 Player in the State

I give her my highest recommendation for this prestigious honor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul S. Upchurch'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Paul S. Upchurch
Superintendent



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October 5, 2006

Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

Below you will find the accomplishments of Nancy Crutcher Martin. Nancy went to Oldham County High School from 1983-1987 where she participated in Cross Country, Basketball, and Track. Prior to attending Oldham County High School she attended Oldham County Middle School and participated on the high school team in Cross Country and Track.

Member of State Championship Teams

1984 Cross Country State Champions- 3A
1985 Cross Country State Champions- 3A
1986 Cross Country State Champions- 3A
1986 Girls Basketball State Champions

Individual Awards

1982 3A Girls State Champion Cross Country
1982 3A 1600 Meter State Champion Track
1982 3A 1st Team All State Cross Country
1983 3A Girls State Champion Cross Country
1983 3A 1st Team All State Cross Country
1983 3A 3200 Meter State Champion Track
1986 Girl's State Basketball Championship MVP
1986 1st Team All State Basketball
1986/1987 Pre-Season Street and Smith All-American

I am asking for your consideration for Nancy Crutcher Martin to be honored as an inductee into the Kentucky High School Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Tom Clemons
Associate Principal / Athletic Director
North Oldham High School