

Rowan County Board of Education

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KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

After serving in education for forty years and coaching cheerleaders for nearly as many, I nervously watch as educators (and coaches) become disillusioned and leave our profession. Therefore, I feel very fortunate and honored when I am able to recommend someone as a nominee for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame who has not succumbed to the challenges around us and who remains as passionate and enthusiastic about coaching young lives as she did when we began all those years ago. That would be **Candy Berry**, Greenup County cheer coach for 44 years!

The story of how Candy became a coach at Greenup County after cheering at Russell is known throughout our region, and it didn't take her very long to make good on her promise to make her cheerleaders known and admired throughout the cheer world. As the cheer coach at Rowan County, our goal was to win region; but we knew realistically that meant we winners if we were second to Candy's Musketeers. They were not only the perennial region winners, but dominated at State as evidenced by her eight (8) State titles and three (3) Sweet 16 titles. Of course, her story does not end there. The Greenup County cheerleaders' sixteen (16) National Championship titles far exceed any other team in the United States! The name of Candy Berry is truly known throughout the Nation!

I know of NO other coach or cheer program anywhere across the country whose name is synonymous with this kind of excellence. The accolades bestowed are beyond imagination! What other coach has had teams featured on nationally recognized TV shows such as CBS's "On the Road with Charles Kuralt" and "Ripley's Believe It Or Not"! What other coach or team can boast of cheering not just for their own teams, but also the Kansas City Kings and Orlando Magic! What other coach and team have been invited to perform at the Olympics and Tokyo, Japan! The answer is....none that I know!

Candy has been honored by her school with the induction into their Hall of Fame, and even UK, one of our state university power house cheer teams, has recognized her with their Honoree Alumni Award. However, I am confident that the accomplishment Candy would tell you she is most proud of is the number of young girls' lives she had touched and impacted in so many ways. The values she has instilled, the opportunities she has afforded, and the memories she has given them are priceless and has surely made them more productive and successful citizens.

I consider it an extreme honor to be able to write this letter of nomination and support for the induction of Candy Berry into the prestigious Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. I say with all sincerity that I believe you could find no better addition than our "Legend of Kentucky Cheer", our esteemed and respected, **Candy Berry**; and I hope you will agree.

Sincerely,

Lucy Moore, Supervisor Rowan County Schools

Jennifer Anderson

Scott Davison

Danny Mabry

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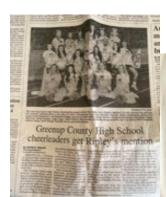


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