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July 10, 2025

To whom it may concern:

I write this letter in support of the nomination of Coach George Radford to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Coach Radford taught me to swim when I was a little boy. He was my physical education teacher in both middle school and high school. He was my high school basketball coach, track coach, and into adulthood, a mentor and dear friend.

In 1983 Coach Radford coached the state champion girls track team AND the state champion boys track team. He won three more boys state championships in track, with some records still standing over forty years later. He also won the 1982 state championship in girls cross country wearing a (forever famous) light colored beret (see enclosed photo).

When I was a freshman in high school, Coach Radford encouraged me to join the basketball team. Although I was not a very good basketball player, I learned so much from him, not only about basketball, but also, of course, about life. Coach Radford had been the successful girls basketball coach for many years, and my freshman year was his first year as the boys coach. We rushed the court in joy the night we beat Travis Ford and Madisonville North Hopkins, which won the region that year.

Coach Radford also encouraged me to join the track team, and it is with great pride that the only athletic "trophy" I have left after a devastating fire in 1997 took my childhood home in 1997 is the remnant of the medal I won at the regional track meet.

In our community, Coach Radford has perhaps done more than anyone else for Trigg County. He founded Genesis Express, a civic organization which has served thousands and thousands of people, and continues to host after school programs. In addition, when my church needed a place to hold worship, Coach Radford and Genesis happily opened their doors for us. Coach Radford has served for years on the hospital board and the economic development council. He leads the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebrations in our community.

Truly, to know him is to love him, and respect him. Coach Radford grew up as an African American in the Jim Crow South, and I suppose I grew up as a white American in the

unfortunate "overtime" of the Jim Crow South. I personally witnessed him experience racial slurs. His response was "Now, (insert name), you and I came from different places, but that's OK." This nonviolent, turn-the-other-cheek, response was converting to the racist and to all who observed it. In my life, I have found the people with greatest character are those who have suffered the greatest persecution. Big G, as we call him, is a man of tremendous character.

I grew up with his children who have the same loving and servant heart he has. Agnes and he have been a witness of great marriage, having been married for over 50 years. Coach is a devout Christian and wonderful member of Cave Springs Missionary Baptist Church in downtown Cerulean, Kentucky.

Growing up I was a football player, and that got me into Harvard College. I often refer to myself as the dumbest man who ever went to Harvard. While there, I was invited by a friend of mine, whom I later learned was a nephew of President Kennedy, to a cocktail party held by the Kennedy family. I used to ride the Harvard shuttle to class with one of the current justices of the United States Supreme Court. I have lived a good life in my fifty plus years. I have met two United States presidents and every governor of Kentucky who has served during my lifetime. I have many successful friends who have hosted me at functions well beyond my pay grade and social class. But, I will say this: I have never, anytime or anywhere, met a finer man than George Washington Radford.

I hope you will look upon his nomination favorably.

Please contact me anytime if you would like.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jamus Redd". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jamus" and last name "Redd" clearly distinguishable.

Jamus Redd

JUSTICE BILL CUNNINGHAM, *retired*

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July 11, 2025
Princeton, Kentucky

To Whom it May Concern:

It seems to me to be a huge oversight that my good friend George Radford has not been inducted into the Dawahares KHSSA Hall of Fame.

He was a great athlete in his own right. However, his most substantial contributions to athletics has been on the side lines as a track and basketball coach. His numerous titles won in those two sports for boys and girls are worthy of his induction.

However, his life of service has gone way beyond the basketball floor and track, and has extended into the community of Trigg County. He has been active in his church as well as other worthwhile positions and projects in the county.

Perhaps his most glowing public legacy will be his leadership of Genesis Express. I'm proud to have been George's friend at the beginning of that project over 40 years ago. I have seen how it has become such a positive impact upon the youth of our county. Through the leadership and mentorship of George and other black men of Trigg County with impeccable character and citizenship, their example has served as a beacon to not only young men of color, but of young kids of all races and both genders.

Personally, and selfishly, I am so thankful to have George Radford a close friend for almost 50 years. He is always positive, energetic with a wonderful smile in doing his best to cultivate a fertile soil for our young. I love him, and am proud to belong to the same human race as he does.

Please help us to pay him his rightful due by admitting him to the Dawahares KHSSA Hall of Fame.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Justice Bill Cunningham(*retired*)

Dear KHSAA Selection Committee

This letter nominates George Radford for the Dawahare's KHSAA Hall of Fame. Coach Radford's profound impact extends beyond his athletic achievements, encompassing his role as an educator, a community pillar, and an advocate for minority students.

Coach Radford was known through his son, Victor, as a former student at Trigg County High School. He was one of the few African American teachers in the school, along with Norris Baker. His faith was evident, with church services on Sundays and Wednesdays, which reflects a strong moral character – a quality valued in Hall of Fame nominees.

Coach Radford provided transportation to school and practice for students, without asking for money. This shows his commitment to their success.

During the freshman year of high school, Coach Radford encouraged joining the track team. Participation in track enhanced football career, demonstrating Coach Radford's understanding of athletic development. His success as a coach is highlighted by the state and individual awards won by his track teams.

Coach Radford remains a pillar of the Trigg County community. He founded Guinness Express, an organization dedicated to working with minority students, showcasing his commitment to their empowerment and educational success.

Coach Radford embodies sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and moral character that are central to the Dawahare's KHSAA Hall of Fame criteria. His contributions to interscholastic athletics, along with his dedication to the development and success of young people, make him a deserving candidate for this honor.

2022 KHSAA Hall of Fame Member and A Former Trigg County High School Alumni
President of Boyd and Greenup County NAACP
Appointed to the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission-2025
Director of Cultural Diversity Ashland Community and Technical College 2024

Sincerely,



Ginger Wallace
2423 Ashwood Drive
Louisville, KY 40205

August 14, 2025

Dawahares KHSAA Hall of Fame
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, KY 40505

Subject: Nomination of Coach George Radford to the KHSAA Hall of Fame

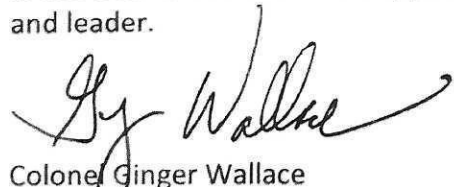
To whom it may concern:

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While he was an excellent coach, I want to talk about Coach Radford the person. I participated in three varsity sports for a total of 18 seasons between junior high and high school. Coach Radford was my coach for 17 of those 18 seasons, in all three sports. He not only taught me how to be a better athlete, but he also taught me how to be a better human being. Aside from my parents, there is no one who better prepared me for the ups and downs of life than Coach Radford. His mentorship and guidance played a huge part in my success as a college basketball player and an Air Force officer.

Coach Radford continues to be a leader and role model in our community to this day. He serves on a number of councils and boards but perhaps his greatest accomplishment is founding a civic organization called Genesis Express, where he served as president for many years during the three decades of their existence. Genesis Express promotes early education, has a tutoring program, provides meals to the needy and supports the community in many other ways.

I cannot express enough how deserving Coach George Radford is for induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. I would appreciate your consideration of this outstanding coach, mentor, and leader.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gy Wallace", written in dark ink.

Colonel Ginger Wallace
United States Air Force, Retired

Hall of Fame Screen/Selection Committee,

In today's athletic environment, athletes and coaches often use words like honor, commitment, dedication, and the like to describe their team or individual success. I am writing to you regarding a coach that not only used those words for over 30+ years (as athlete and coach") but lived them out as an example to those around him – Coach George Radford of Trigg County High School.

Being a former University of Louisville Track and Cross Country athlete, I have been very fortunate to be around great coaches, and George Radford is at the very top of that list. He was the individual who first guided me into the sport of track at the local AAU level, then on to TCHS pushing me to excel at an all-state level, and still stayed involved during my collegiate career. I was not alone in his guidance. Coach Radford was an example to everyone regardless of his/her athletic ability and/or goals.

George Radford was synonymous with Kentucky State Championships (team and individuals) throughout the 1980s. When he showed up, regardless of the size school as an opponent, coaches/athletes knew they had to be prepared. Why did he win so many state titles? Very simple, his athletes believed in him and the words he spoke and the actions he asked for. The great ones make it look easy but coaching in a small school like Trigg County comes with its barriers and George Radford knew how to take an average athlete and motivate him/her to do extraordinary things on the basketball court, track, or cross-country course.

As this organization is only about high school athletics, I will not emphasize the person he is outside of athletics, but I can attest that he is a professional in all aspects of the business world he has delved into as well as civic organizations making a difference in a rural community for the marginalized.

In closing, I will ask that you please take into consideration a man that has shaped many boys and girls into the men and women of our society that are and will continue to make a difference and much of it started with Coach George Radford.

Sincerely,

Eric Ezell

Director of Field Reimbursement

Regeneron Pharmaceuticals

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August 12, 2025

To Whom It Concern:

My name is Ray Maggard. I was a teacher and basketball coach for 28 years in Kentucky.

I would like to nominate George Radford from Cadiz Ky to the KHSAA Hall of Fame. I taught and coached basketball & cross country with George at Trigg County High School. During that time we started the Girls Cross Country team in 1980 of which George was the Head Coach and won the championship in 1982.

Coach Radford was also the Head Coach in track and won the State Titles in 1978, 1981, 1982 for boys and 1983 for boys and girls. Some of the great athletes and state champions that Coach Radford had at Trigg County were Al Baker, Sam Love and Eric Ezell.

I left Trigg County in 1985 and Coach Radford began his career as Head Boys Basketball Coach and he was the first black head basketball coach in the 2nd Region.

On a personal note Coach Radford represents the true meaning of a teacher and coach. He was a person that any student or athlete could look up to and emulate.

I am proud to submit this nomination for someone who is my friend and well deserving of this award.

Ray Maggard

July, 13th, 2025

KHSAA Dawahares Hall of Fame Selection
Committee

2280 Executive Drive

Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Selection Committee Members,

I am writing to let you know how much I appreciate your support for the long-overdue consideration of Coach George Radford for induction into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. Coach Radford is not only an exceptional leader in athletics but also a pillar of integrity, service, and impact in his community—qualities that embody the very spirit of this prestigious honor.

Coach Radford's record as an athletic coach is extraordinary. During his tenure at Trigg County High School, he led six state championship teams in track and field, including the 1978 Boys, 1981 Boys, 1982 Boys, 1983 Boys, 1983 Girls, and one state Cross Country Championship team. His leadership and dedication helped define a golden era in Trigg County athletics. As Head Basketball Coach for eleven seasons—four with the girls' program and seven with the boys—he guided the girls' team to a district championship in 1982, further showcasing his adaptability and success across multiple sports and teams.

However, what makes Coach Radford truly remarkable is the way he has used his platform beyond the court and track to uplift and serve others. For the past 47 years, he has been a deacon at Cave Springs Baptist Church, providing spiritual guidance and support to generations of families. He is the founder and long-time president of Genesis Express. This civic organization, for more than three decades,

has made a lasting impact in Trigg County by supporting early education, tutoring programs, meal distribution for those in need, and countless other community efforts.

His commitment to community health and safety is equally impressive. He has served for over two decades on the Trigg County Hospital Board and continues to lead as President of Crime Stoppers in the region. In addition, his longstanding service on the Trigg County Development Council further underscores a lifelong devotion to bettering the lives of others.

Coach Radford's legacy is far greater than wins and titles, though he has many. His leadership, humility, and tireless community service reflect the very best of Kentucky high school athletics and the values the Hall of Fame seeks to honor. I sincerely urge the committee to consider his exceptional qualifications and the profound impact he has had on both sport and society.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

With highest respect,

Scott Sivills

**Former Trigg County Basketball Player
(1985-1989)**

**Current: Head Girls Basketball Coach at
McCracken County**

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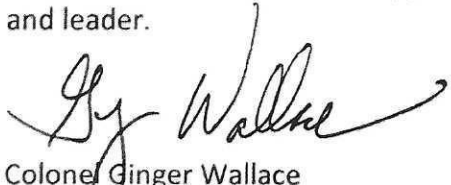
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Coach Radford continues to be a leader and role model in our community to this day. He serves on a number of councils and boards but perhaps his greatest accomplishment is founding a civic organization called Genesis Express, where he served as president for many years during the three decades of their existence. Genesis Express promotes early education, has a tutoring program, provides meals to the needy and supports the community in many other ways.

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Colonel Ginger Wallace
United States Air Force, Retired

Scott A. Howell
Lt Gen (Ret)
1616 West End Avenue, Unit 2407
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Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing as a 1983 graduate of Trigg County High School, and a retired Lieutenant General in the United States Air Force, to provide my unequivocal support for the induction of George Radford into the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

I have known Coach Radford since the 6th grade, and from then until graduation I spent a tremendous amount of time with him as a student-athlete. I was a four sport letterman, captain of both the football & track teams in my senior year, and was a member of the 1981, 1982, and 1983 State Champion Track teams. Additionally I played basketball under Coach Radford.

George Radford's accomplishments as a coach are well-chronicled, but his example as a leader and role model are vastly more impactful to the community. I spent as much time with Coach Radford as I did with my parents during my time at Trigg County, and the example he set was phenomenal. His maturity, ability to relate to kids, and his dedication to making sure we became productive, responsible citizens set him apart from his peers.

After graduation, I attended the Air Force Academy and then spent 34 years in the Air Force, culminating as the commander of the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), consisting of our nation's most elite warriors, conducting high-risk combat operations around the globe. They demand strong leadership. And while I served with tremendous leaders & mentors while in uniform, I can honestly say I learned more about leadership from watching Coach Radford than anyone I served with in the military. He is simply an extraordinary human being.

I'm happy to discuss further if you have questions at scottahowell@gmail.com

Sincerely,



Scott A. Howell

Lt Gen, USAF, Retired

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Scott Sutherland O.D.

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July 20, 2025

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have been asked, as a community member, to submit a letter of recommendation for the nomination of George Radford to become an awardee of membership to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. George, in our local community, is a standout citizen. In the last few years, George has been honored by the Trigg County Chamber of Commerce as our Citizen of the Year. Additionally, recently, George was honored by the Cadiz Rotary Club by being named a Paul Harris Fellow. That is the highest honor Rotary bestows upon a member or non-member.

I have known George in several different capacities since 1982. My wife, a recently retired teacher in the local school district, and I first met George when she became a faculty member in the middle school, where George served in the administration. I will list a few of George's accomplishments and then will provide some additional comments on why I think George deserves this statewide recognition.

His resume includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. 6 State track and cross-country championships, as well as multiple regional championships
 2. 11 seasons as the head basketball coach, 4 as the girl's head coach and 7 and the boy's head coach
 3. He has served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher at Cave Springs Baptist Church for the past 47 years
 4. He is one of the founding members of a local civic organization, Genesis Express (GE). GE has served the Trigg County community and especially the younger children of our community for the past 30 years. GE promotes
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early childhood education by conducting an after-school tutoring program during the school year, a summer reading program, and more recently, has conducted an after-school STEM program financed through a grant award from the Cal Ripken Senior Foundation. This program is conducted at the new Genesis Express Intergenerational Center opened last year. George spearheaded the capital campaign with the members of GE and raised well over \$1,000,000 in privately donated funds to build this facility with no outstanding debt.

5. George has served the local Economic Development Council for close to 15 years.
6. He established and managed a locally owned minority business which provided employment to many.
7. He has been a member of the Trigg County Hospital Board for over 20 years. During his time on the Board, our hospital has gone through some very trying times and is now in a position of economic strength.
8. He is currently the President of Crime Stoppers.
9. George was a founding member of the Imagination Library Committee that brought the Dolly Parton free-books program for children under 5 years of age to Trigg County. Our local program began in 2008, well before most other counties in Kentucky.

Upon reflecting on the contributions George has made within our community, I think of the Parable of the Talents by Jesus. George is a dedicated husband and family man, a life-long servant to his community and his church, a friend to all, a humble Christian, is smart and his opinion is valued within all aspects of our community, an educator and administrator, a role model within, both, the African-American and white community, and has been a mentor to thousands of young people during his vast career. George has made use of and applied his vast resource of leadership talents to the benefit of others.

George is a man who truly reflects and pays honor to the Rotary motto of "Service above Self". Over the 43 years that I have been in the company of George, he has been the ultimate "Influencer" of those exposed to him in our community. I read somewhere several years back the quote "**Passion,**

experience, knowledge and the ability to communicate are the virtues of a great leader".

George is a person who demonstrates all these virtues and would be a very deserving individual whose career has been submerged in his church, his athletic career as a participant and coach, his family and his community. It is with great pride that I write to pay tribute to my humble friend, George Washington Radford, as he is being considered for induction into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Sutherland O.D.

To the Dawahares Hall of Fame Committee,

Please allow me to introduce myself. I retired from the Trigg County school system in 2013 after teaching and coaching for thirty five years. I coached both boys and girls basketball longer than anybody in school history. After my retirement I ran for public office. Currently I am in my fourth term as an elected official in Trigg County, serving as Magistrate.

I have had the opportunity to observe the entire career of Mr. George Radford. I played on his first basketball team in 1974 as an eighth grader on the Trigg County Junior High team. From that starting point in coaching, George Radford went on to great heights in the coaching profession. Radford was hired as track and cross-country coach at Trigg County High School. His teams dominated the running sports in Western Kentucky and the state for over a decade. Radford eventually won SIX state championships, a number of runner ups and many regional championships as coach at Trigg County. Five of his six state championships were in track and one in girls cross-country. Those track championships included both boys and girls titles.

Radford went on to be hired as one of the first head basketball coaches at an integrated school in the second region. He won a district title as girls basketball coach.

The best thing about George Radford is that his community accomplishments dwarf his athletic accomplishments. He has served as a deacon for over forty years, President of Crime Stoppers, on the Trigg County Hospital Board, and just about every other civic board in the county. Most impressive is that he founded a civic organization named Genesis Express, made up of over twenty African American men. For thirty plus years they

have tutored students in the Trigg County School System. They have provided meals for the needy as well as providing many other services for the community. Two years ago they received a state wide honor for their organization.

Mr. Radford is around seventy seven years old now and still works for the people of Trigg County as if he is twenty seven years old. He has been long overlooked for this honor only because no one here has taken the time to nominate him. I made it my mission to correct this wrong. Therefore I have spearheaded this effort. Everybody I asked to write a letter did so immediately. I could have got a thousand but I think you have enough to make the point.

Thank you all for considering George Radford for the Dawahares Hall of Fame. The more you investigate him as a candidate the more impressive you will find him to be.

Enthusiasm Makes the Difference,

Coach Mike Wright
Trigg County Magistrate