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To the KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

It is with the utmost respect and admiration that I write this letter recommending Coach Ken Hurt for induction into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Hall of Fame. Throughout his remarkable 33-year career with Garrard County Schools, Coach Hurt has demonstrated the highest levels of dedication, integrity, and excellence in education and athletics. His impact on student-athletes, the school system, and the broader community is immeasurable.

Coach Hurt's accomplishments on the basketball court alone merit Hall of Fame consideration. Ranking 24th all-time in career wins among girls' basketball coaches in Kentucky, his record reflects consistent excellence, resilience, and leadership over decades of competition. Beyond the numbers, however, Coach Hurt built programs rooted in teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship. His athletes consistently reflected his own high moral character, earning respect both on and off the court. Many of his players have gone on to successful careers as coaches, educators, and community leaders, continuing his legacy of leadership and mentorship.

What truly sets Coach Hurt apart is his unwavering commitment to Garrard County. For over three decades, he served as a teacher, coach, and mentor to thousands of students, embodying the values that define Kentucky high school athletics—character, perseverance, and community pride. This recognition would celebrate not only his personal accomplishments but also the generations of athletes and students whose lives he helped shape.

Coach Ken Hurt's influence extends far beyond wins and championships. He represents the very best of what high school athletics can achieve—developing young people of integrity, determination, and heart. It is without hesitation that I offer my strongest recommendation for his induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David R. Meade".

David Meade
State Representative and Speaker Pro Tempore

October 1, 2025

Kentucky High School Athletic Association
Hall of Fame Selection Committee

2280 Executive Drive

Lexington, KY 40505

Re: Nomination of Mr. Ken Hurt for the KHSAA Hall of Fame

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

It is my privilege to recommend Mr. Ken Hurt for induction into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Few individuals have had such a profound and lasting impact on high school athletics in the Commonwealth, both as a player and as a coach, as Ken Hurt.

As a student-athlete, Mr. Hurt excelled first at Lancaster High School from 1962–1964, and then at Garrard County High School from 1964–1966 following consolidation. In just two years at Garrard County, he scored 659 points, a total that still ranks him 35th on the school's all-time scoring list despite only playing two seasons. His achievements on the court laid the foundation for what would become a lifetime dedicated to education and athletics.

Mr. Hurt served as the head girls' basketball coach at Garrard County High School from 1978 to 2003. Over those 25 years, he compiled a remarkable record of 443 wins against 260 losses, a .622 winning percentage. His 443 victories place him 24th all-time among girls' basketball coaches in Kentucky history. Under his leadership, Garrard County won 16 district championships, 1 regional championship (1994), and finished as regional runner-up in both 1984 and 1993. His teams also captured back-to-back 12th Region All "A" championships in 1993 and 1994. Remarkably, in 25 seasons, his teams advanced to the regional tournament 22 times, a testament to his consistent excellence and ability to prepare his players year after year.

Beyond basketball, Mr. Hurt contributed to Garrard County athletics in multiple roles, serving as head baseball coach and assistant football coach for many years.

His commitment to student-athletes was not confined to the playing field; he was equally dedicated as an administrator. He served Garrard County High School as assistant principal and athletic director for many years. From 1999 to 2003, I had the privilege of working alongside him when I served as principal of Garrard County High School and he served as my assistant principal and athletic director. In these roles, he demonstrated the same leadership, character, and devotion to students that defined his coaching career.

Mr. Hurt served the KHSAA as a Board of Control member during his final years as a school administrator. He provided the same characteristics in that role as he did in all of his other roles as an educator.

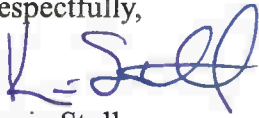
Mr. Hurt continues to serve the Garrard County Schools and community. He is currently a member of the Garrard County Board of Education. At the end of his current term, he will have served in the role for 10 years.

Ken Hurt's legacy cannot be measured only in wins and championships, but in the countless young people he inspired and guided through athletics. He has been a coach, mentor, educator, and role model, leaving an enduring mark on Garrard County High School and Kentucky high school athletics as a whole.

It is for these reasons that I recommend Mr. Ken Hurt for induction into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. His career exemplifies the values and excellence that the Hall of Fame seeks to honor.

Thank you for your consideration of this well-deserved nomination.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Stull", written over a light blue rectangular background.

Kevin Stull
Superintendent of Schools
Garrard County Schools

September 3, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to recommend Mr. Ken Hurt of Lancaster, Kentucky, for recognition and service within the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. Ken has been a dedicated supporter of student-athletes and high school sports for many years, consistently demonstrating a deep commitment to the values of teamwork, integrity, and community.

His leadership, sportsmanship, and tireless volunteer spirit have had a lasting impact on countless young athletes in our region. Whether through his encouragement, involvement, or steady presence at local athletic events, Ken has exemplified what it means to invest in the future of our students and our schools.

I can think of no one more deserving of this recognition. Ken embodies the mission of the KHSAA, and I am confident he will continue to serve as an outstanding representative of Kentucky high school athletics.

I have known Kenny Hurt for sixty-five years and his contributions to our community have been astounding. He made Garrard girls basketball relevant, but more importantly, the positive influence he has made on the many young ladies through his coaching, teaching, & leadership, is still evident today.

Thank you,



Danny Irvin