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Dear Members of the KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

It is my honor to wholeheartedly recommend Coach Ron Craighead for induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. As a former player & student who had the privilege of learning under Coach Craighead, I can confidently say that his influence has extended far beyond the football field and continues to shape the person and coach I am today.

Coach Craighead embodied the core values that high school athletics are meant to instill—discipline, accountability, perseverance, integrity, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. His drive each and every day challenged us not only to become better athletes, but to become the best version of ourselves in everything we did. It was never just about football; it was about preparing young men for life. That principle has stayed with me, and it plays a major role in why I chose to pursue coaching myself.

What made Coach Craighead truly special was his gift for building authentic relationships with his players. He saw each of us as individuals and took the time to understand our goals, struggles, and strengths. His belief in us created a culture where we believed in ourselves. That ability to connect, inspire, and elevate those around him is rare, and it is the foundation of the long-lasting impact he left on our program and our lives.

I am proud to say that the lessons he taught—work hard, do things the right way, and strive to be better every day—are values I continue to carry with me and strive to pass on to the next generation of athletes. Coach Craighead is not only deserving of this honor; he represents everything the Hall of Fame stands for. His legacy lives on in the players he coached, the coaches he influenced, and in the community he helped shape.

Thank you for your time and consideration. It would be a privilege to see Coach Craighead recognized for the extraordinary leader, mentor, and role model he has been to so many.

Sincerely,
Kirk Shearn (Current HCHS Teacher & Coach)