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To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Emma Talley for inclusion in the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

In almost 40 years of covering high school sports, I have rarely seen an athlete who has competed at such a high level, but also carried herself with the utmost dignity for her sport and her competitors.

Her accomplishments in the arena are almost too many to list. Suffice it to say that three KHSAA state championships at Caldwell County High School, a U.S. Women's Amateur championship and an NCAA individual championship at the University of Alabama would be more than enough to earn Emma merit for the Hall of Fame. But that hardly begins to encompass everything she has done on the golf course.

But while her accomplishments are legendary, they are outshined by her demeanor and total commitment to sportsmanship. Her three state championships would be four had she not self-reported a scorecard error that resulted in her disqualification, despite the fact that she still would have won the tournament by a comfortable margin.

She has always been, and undoubtedly will continue to be, an outstanding ambassador for her school, her community, her state, and even her country, along with the game of golf.

I could go on and on, but anyone who knows Emma Talley — and her fans are many — knows she is clearly an elite golfer, an elite individual and would be an incredible addition to the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Best Regards,

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