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Bill Blackwell
Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame
1152 Lakeland Drive
Jackson, MS 39216
Re: Ronnie Mayers

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I am honored to recommend Ronnie Mayers for induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. I have had the privilege of knowing Coach Mayers for most of my life, and it is with great pride that I support his candidacy.

Coach Mayers is a distinguished graduate of Delta State University (DSU), where he has dedicated a significant portion of his professional career to advancing both the university and college sports as a whole. His initial recognition came as a pole vaulter from 1970 to 1974. However, his most notable achievements stem from his unwavering commitment to Delta State Aquatics.

In 1984, Coach Mayers founded the DSU swim program, which has flourished under his guidance. His influence extended beyond the university as he also established and led the Delta Aquatic Club (DAC) age-group team from 1974 to 1989. As one of the young swimmers he coached, I can personally attest to his dedication and impact.

Throughout his career, Coach Mayers has coached over 225 swimmers, led his teams to six men's conference championships and five women's conference championships, and produced 15 individual All-Americans, 21 Academic All-Americans, and 113 individual conference champions. His exceptional contributions have earned him the US Swimming Award for Distinguished Service to Mississippi and the Conference Coach of the Year accolade 14 times. His efforts were instrumental in organizing the New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference and in the construction of the DSU Aquatic Center, which now bears his name in recognition of his significant contributions.

From 2013 to 2018, Coach Mayers served as the Director of Athletics for DSU, continuing his influential work even into retirement. He remains actively involved with the university and its athletic programs, having been inducted into the DSU Sports Hall of Fame in 2007. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Ronnie Mayers is a true community champion. His ability to address challenges with positivity and enthusiasm, whether promoting DSU athletics or volunteering in the community, reflects his enduring commitment to the betterment of others.

It has been a privilege to know Ronnie Mayers and to witness his profound impact on DSU and the broader community. I firmly believe he is deserving of induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and respectfully ask for your consideration of his induction.

Respectfully



David M. Griffith
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