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October 10, 2023

Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame
Attn: Selection Committee
1152 Lakeland Drive
Jackson, Mississippi 39216

Dear Selection Committee:

I write to recommend Scott Berry for the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. Having dedicated more than 30 years of his career to student-athletes in the State of Mississippi, Scott has positively impacted countless lives and relentlessly promoted the game of baseball across the state – all while accomplishing unprecedented success on the baseball field.

During his 23 years in Hattiesburg and 14 seasons as head coach, Scott fortified Southern Miss as one of the most consistent programs in the country. Scott finished his career with seven consecutive 40-win seasons and continued Southern Miss's streak of 22 consecutive 30-win seasons. No other school in the country can currently claim either accomplishment. His ability to build teams and developed student-athletes is second-to-none.

I had the fortunate (and unfortunate, at times) privilege of coaching against Scott. Before seeing a roster or scouting report, I always knew Scott's team to be blue collar and gritty competitors. His teams would compete from the first pitch until the last out. More importantly, Scott's student-athletes were always men of character on and off the field that would bound to make every Mississippian proud.

Even more impressive than his accolades on the field are Scott's character and commitment to his community off the field. He truly one of the great men I have encountered – on or off the baseball field. Scott is humble and possesses an endless desire to serve others. He continually dedicates his time to his former student-athlete, the Hattiesburg community, and the university that he loves dearly. A dedicated husband and devoted father of two incredible children, Scott always answers the call when others are in need.

His athletic achievements or contributions to society alone make him worthy of the MSHOF. Together, I believe they make him an ideal candidate for the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. Thank you for your time and consideration of Scott.

Sincerely,