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To: Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Committee
From: Ron Polk

Please accept this letter in my support of Billy Earnhart for selection to the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

I know of no one that is more deserving of being in your Hall of Fame. Have enclosed in this envelope what he has accomplished in all of his years living and working in the State of Mississippi.

I have known and worked with Billy ever since I became the head baseball Coach at Mississippi State University in 1976. Very few have achieved what Billy has serving the youth in our state in so many ways.

As you can see on the information enclosed he has been inducted into four Halls of Fame...Played his high school and college baseball at Provine High School and Mississippi College also being a part of their football teams...He was a professional baseball scout covering the State of Mississippi for 43 years...Coached baseball and football at six different high schools in our state...with a high school baseball coaching record of 166-75 reaching the state playoffs numerous times and winning the state championship at Jackson Prep in 1981...for many years as a player, coach and State Commissioner for Mississippi semi-pro baseball.

Am not sure that there is anyone that has achieved so much in so many different areas of amateur baseball and football with his accomplishments and service to the young men he has worked with both on and off the athletic field.

Thus, I can and so many others completely support his achievements in our state that no question qualifys him to be in the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

Sincerely yours,


Ron Polk

Achievements: William (Billy) E. Earnhart

<u>Achievement</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Documentation</u>
1. Pro-Day Baseball Hall of Fame	2014	copy of plaque
2. Mississippi College Sports Hall of Fame	2005	copy of plaque
3. M.P.S.A. Outstanding Performance	1979-1985	copy of plaque
4. Coach of the Year (Jackson Prep)	1981	copy of plaque
5. First-Ever All Star Baseball Coach M.P.S.A.	1981	copy of plaque
6. Baton Rouge Baseball Clinic Hall of Fame	1981	copy of plaque
7. Miss. Semi-Pro Baseball Hall of Fame	1981	copy of plaque
8. Coach and Player Miss. Semi-Pro Baseball	1959-1974	copy of plaque
9. State Commissioner for Semi-Pro Baseball	1970-1974	copy of plaque
10. Professional Baseball Scout Expos, Dodgers, Angels, Major League Scouting Bureau, Padres, Rangers, Diamondbacks and Astros.	1968-2011	Royals,
11. Assistant Football/Baseball Coach School Football Record- 28-1-1. (3 consecutive CAC Championships) Baseball Record- 28-10. (Went to State Playoffs 1965-1966)	1963-1966	Madison Ridgeland High
12. Assistant Football Coach	1966-1967	Clarksdale High School
13. Assistant Football/ Head Baseball Coach Football Record- 21-20. Baseball Record- 50-18. (State Playoffs 1969-1971)	1967-1971	Callaway High School
14. Assistant Football Coach	1971-1972	Madison Ridgeland High School
15. Assistant Football Coach Football Record- 17-24.	1973-1977	Canton Academy
16. Assistant Football/Head Baseball Coach Football Record- 28-2. (State Champions 1977-1980) Baseball Record- 88-47. (State Champions 1981)	1977-1981	Jackson Prep
17. American Legion State Champions	1957-1958	Catcher

18. Mississippi College 1959-1963 4 Year letterman in Baseball (Catcher)
B.S. Degree (1963) also Master's Degree in Education (1979)

19. Provine High School 1956-1959 3 Year Letterman Football/Baseball (Fullback/Catcher)
All City catcher- 1958-1959. Led city in hitting, home runs and rbi's (1959).