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

Please accept this letter as a most sincere letter of recommendation for Coach Bobby Halford for induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

As an Hall of Fame inductee myself (1998) I am shocked that Bobby Halford is not already in this prestigious Hall of Fame. His resume is so very impressive highlighted by the fact that he has now won 1300 games at one university, William Carey University.

Coach Halford has dedicated his life coaching Mississippians to not only be great student-athletes, but for them to accept leadership roles all over the State of Mississippi. He has been at William Carey University since 1976. I know of no one that has dedicated his life to one university. Am sure that he has had numerous opportunities to go elsewhere to coach.

It is incredible that in 38 years coaching at William Carey, he has had only one sub 500 season.

Bobby was the assistant baseball coach at William Carey before becoming the head coach in 1986. His awards are numerous: Coach of the Year; conference championships, teams in the College World Series and he is now in the William Carey Sports Hall of Fame.

Bobby is so well respected by all of his fellow coaches not only in Mississippi, but the entire country. And....yes...this past year in his 38th season his team went 49-11 earning a trip to the College World Series where his team finished 4th nationally.

I just completed my 57th year coaching college baseball players and I know of no other baseball coach in the State of Mississippi that has the resume Bobby has that is not currently in our Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Ron Polk