Hall Talk - Georgia Sports Hall of Fame - January 2021 Issue WE THANK YOU, EMILY PARKER MYERS



After providing more than a decade of leadership, Emily Parker Myers officially announced she would be resigning from the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority at the Nov. 4, 2020, meeting. Longtime Authority member Loran Smith was elected chair. Ms. Myers concluded her tenure as co-chair with the announcement of a major grant to GSHF that retires the mortgage on the facility and provides significant renovations.

Ms. Myers was first appointed to the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority by Gov. Sonny Perdue on Aug. 4, 2010. She subsequently was elected chair by the board members and has remained the chair or co-chair for the past nine years. When the State of Georgia eliminated funding for GSHF in late 2010, she successfully rallied the support of the Macon community to keep the museum open. It has been through her diligent efforts that the museum continues to be vibrant today, serving thousands of visitors and hosting hundreds of events annually.

Chief Executive Officer of Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting since 2008, Ms. Myers previously served nearly three decades as a senior officer of Mercer University. Throughout her distinguished career, she has been involved extensively in community service that promotes economic growth and advances a high quality of life in Middle Georgia.

Ms. Myers has explained the importance of GSHF both to Macon and Georgia. "Sports bring communities together. The individuals who excel in sports represent the very best in perseverance, discipline, goal setting, and teamwork. The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame enable us to share their unique stories, recognize their hard-won efforts, celebrate their victories, and inspire visitors to reach for and achieve their own goals."

The members of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority express enduring appreciation for Ms. Myers' leadership and dedication to the museum. To honor her legacy, the Authority has established the Emily Parker Myers Leadership Award, which will recognize an individual who has voluntarily stepped forward to provide leadership and guidance to their community in an athletic environment. The honoree of the first Emily Parker Myers Leadership Award will be announced at the 65th annual Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony scheduled for May 22, 2021.

HALL OF FAME BIRTHDAYS JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

January Alfred Jenkins Jimmy Robinson Nancy Lopez Dominique Wilkins Jeff Treadway Tracy Ham Willie Anderson Garrison Hearst Buddy Fowlkes Reg Murphy February Bill Chappell Hank Aaron Bill Fulcher Tommy Aaron Roger Kaiser Fran Tarkenton T McFerrin Jeff Van Note Lucius Sanford Cindy Brogdon Guy McIntyre Steve Lundquist Antonio McKay Mark Price Heather Stepp McCormick Homer Rice Jack Bauerle

In Memoriam

Please take a moment to honor the Hall of Famers who have passed away recently:

Jimmy Orr (Class of 1978) - 10/27/20 Jacob E. "Jake" Scott (Class of 1986) - 11/19/20 Glenn Wilkes (Class of 2016) - 11/28/20 Howard "Doc" Ayers (Class of 1990) - 12/19/20 Phil Niekro (Class of 1985) - 12/26/20

Our sincerest condolences to family, friends, and loved ones.