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Cadets Hall of Fame Committee:

This letter is being written in support of the nomination G. Scott Litzenberg to *The Cadets* Hall of Fame, Class of 2022 Contemporary Category. I met Scott in the Spring of 2018, when news broke of the reorganization of *The Cadets*. Unbeknownst to me, Scott was to be named the next Director. In order to fulfill this role, after 34 years of teaching music education, Scott took an early retirement from his position *to teach on a different level*. I will begin with a quote taken from a Cadet alumnus, "There are people that run away from the fire, people that stand and watch it burn while criticizing, and people that run to the fire knowing that there is work worth doing to be done."

Scott was a marching member of *The Cadets* during the 1982 and 1983 season and the Director 2018-2019. He also held the position of Director of the Crossmen in 1987-1989, and again in 2006. He has been a music educator for over 34 years and has been affiliated with DCI for over 20 years.

Scott knows and understands *The Cadets* history and based his decisions as Director on what was best for the organization, and "not following the crowd." He gave the kids the opportunity to feel at home and allowed them to enjoy the Cadet experience the way it should be. Scott has always put *The Cadets* first and foremost, not worrying about personal gain. As quoted from Simon Sinek, "Leadership is not about being in charge, Leadership is about taking care of those in your charge." This quote describes Scott to a "t." Scott has never asked for, nor has been publicly recognized for this major undertaking during the turmoil.

It is for the above-mentioned reasons and many more, that I support the nomination of G. Scott Litzenberg to *The Cadets* Hall of Fame, Class of 2022 Contemporary Category, and to recognize the achievements of this Cadet.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. FHNSAB.

Sincerely,

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