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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Letter of Commendation for the Jacksonville Lady RAMS

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this Letter of Commendation for the Jacksonville Lady RAMS basketball team, which is under the auspice of the Young Christians in Action Youth Sports (YCAYS), Inc. Over five years ago, Coach Tony Bannister started a girls' basketball program through the inspiration and passion for the sports of basketball. The teams and those that grew from it are known as the "Jacksonville Lady RAMS." The YCAYS Jacksonville Lady RAMS is registered under the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and is in good standing with the national organization.

The YCAYS Jacksonville Lady RAMS is one of the premier and most competitive girls' program that has blossomed in Northeast Florida, and consists of girls basketball teams ranging from 8U through 16U divisions, and now has expanded with boys basketball ages 10U through 12U division. Since the inaugural season in 2003, the club has earned an admirable reputation among AAU and college coaches and scouts for fielding highly competitive, talented, and well-coached teams throughout the state of Florida and across the United States. Led by a talented, passionate, and dynamic leader, Coach Bannister has a renowned vision of providing enormous opportunities for the youth in the community, instilled with spiritual and moral character, along with valued learning experience that encourages leadership and sportsmanship.

The Jacksonville Lady RAMS are recognized statewide as a true presence in girls' basketball. In the short history of this program, the girls' teams have won several Florida District Championships, along with several Super Regional Tournament Championships, and two National Championships. One of the girls' teams has won 5 consecutive district championships for 10U through 14U division (2003-2007), and recently finished as one of the top 3 teams in the nation in the 14U age group. The 14U girls have demonstrated unbelievable preparation for the 14U Nationals Championship, by competing in the 16U division during the college exposure period of the month of July. These girls had the opportunity to compete among the best players and teams in the country, and have made a standing impression in front of many head coaches from the top women college and university basketball programs in America. Their impact is dramatic, and the future is extremely bright and exciting.

I believe the team members and coaches will continue to conduct themselves in a positive way that will bring honor and respect for girls' basketball and the Amateur Athletic Union. I extend my best wishes and firmly support the YCAYS and the Jacksonville Lady RAMS. If you should have a questions please contact me 407-828-3162 or email at eddie@aausports.org

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