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2021 NAEMSE Symposium Awards and Recognition Committee,

This personally written letter is in support of awarding the 2021 Legends That Walk Among Us Award to Gordy Kokx, PhD.

Dr. Kokx is a well-known EMS educator and leader second to few that impacted EMS education on such a far reaching and national scale. Throughout his time at the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions, Dr. Kokx's altruistic character with humility and openness allowed him to actively listen and engage with EMS educators in a way that empowered the educator to go forth and be successful. His affect and focus on empowering support in of itself inspired educational excellence, which is the mission of NAEMSE.

Even before Dr. Kokx's time at CoAEMSP, he enjoyed a celebrated career in collegiate education and administration. This is in addition to providing patient care to multiple communities starting from 1984, which he volunteered with his hometown's ambulance service. Dr. Kokx's enjoys many accolades and experiences, including completing his PhD in education.

It should be without hesitation that Dr. Kokx be awarded as a legend that walks among us. He continues to educate EMS learners and has never lost focus EMS education being focused on learners and patients. He continues to advocate for inclusive EMS education for all and has built a portfolio of accomplishments that embody a collaborative leader that helped innovate EMS education. EMS education is certainly better today because of transformative efforts guided by Dr. Kokx throughout his many years of continued service.

Respectfully,
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