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GERMAN-AMERICAN HALL of FAME CONGRATULATES and SALUTES ORIGINAL "GAMHOF" INDUCTEE GEORGE STEINBRENNER and the NEW YORK YANKEES

The Chairman and Founder of the *German-American Hall of Fame*(GAMHOF), William Hetzler, extends his warmest and most sincere congratulations to the Principal Owner of the New York Yankees, **Mr. George Steinbrenner**, upon the clinching of the baseball World Series title by the N.Y. Yankees. "Less than two years ago, the Board of Trustees of the GAMHOF was proud and enthused to welcome George Steinbrenner as one of our **initial ten inductees** into the Hall of Fame," said Mr. Hetzler. "Today, we are delighted to congratulate Mr. Steinbrenner, as his New York Yankees have just won an unprecedented 28th World Series championship."

"As Mayor Bloomberg stated today, There is no bigger Yankee than George Steinbrenner," Mr. Hetzler continued. "And all of us on the GAMHOF Board of Trustees and Advisory Board salute George and the Steinbrenner family for their relentless and successful pursuit of excellence and victory."

Along with Mr. Steinbrenner, the other initial 9 inductees into the *German-American Hall of Fame* are Albert Einstein, President Eisenhower, Levi Strauss, John Kluge, Walter Cronkite, Babe Ruth, Walter Chrysler, Dr. Gunther Bloebel and Adolphus Busch.

Mr. Hetzler added that, "George Steinbrenner represents the best in sports ownership and leadership. He is also among an amazing contingent of New York Yankees greats of German ancestry, including former owner Jacob Ruppert, 10-time World Series manager Casey Stengel, and such Yankee player greats as Babe Ruth (GAMHOF inductee), Lou Gehrig, Bob Meusel, Tommy Henrich, Mel Stottlemyre, Mickey Mantle, Roger Clemens, Thurman Munson, Scott Brosius and many others."

"Congratulations on your team's great achievement, George Steinbrenner," Mr. Hetzler concluded.

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