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GERMAN-AMERICAN HALL of FAME MOURNS THE LOSS OF A BELOVED FRIEND AND ONE OF OUR "FIRST TEN" INDUCTEES: GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER III

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The Board of Trustees and Advisory Board of the German-American Hall of Fame (GAMHOF) express our deepest sympathy and prayerful condolences to the family of Yankees Principal Owner George M. Steinbrenner III, upon his passing earlier this week (July 13, 2010).

GAMHOF Chairman and Founder William Hetzler stated that: "With the passing of George Steinbrenner, the nation is losing a great American, but we at GAMHOF are bidding farewell to a special friend and supporter. Mr. Steinbrenner was enthusiastic about the concept of honoring outstanding Americans of Germany ancestry through a Hall of Fame, and he became an active member of our Advisory Board." "Then," added Mr. Hetzler, "When George learned that he had been among the "first ten" inductees into the German-American Hall of Fame, he was very pleased and proud of this recognition and high honor."

In a letter expressing condolences to the family, GAMHOF Board Secretary Herbert W. Stupp noted that "Bill Hetzler's 'Voice of the People' letter-to-the-editor of the *New York Daily News*..." urged that "...it is high time that Steinbrenner was inducted into Cooperstown (the Baseball Hall of Fame)." Stupp noted that Mr. Hetzler's letter "...was published on July 10, 2010, not knowing of the sad news to come this week (July 13th) regarding Mr. Steinbrenner."

George Steinbrenner was already a titan in the shipping industry and in other business interests prior to purchasing primary ownership of the New York Yankees in the 1970s. His leadership and 100% commitment to winning converted a moribund, once-great baseball franchise into the most successful team of recent decades, and the most recognizable sports organization worldwide.

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Less well known than his leadership of the New York Yankees organization was his generosity to many worthy causes, individuals and sometimes to strangers. GAMHOF Trustee Herb Stupp, a former NYC Commissioner and non-profit CEO, noted that, “I have been privileged to meet Mr. Steinbrenner in different settings, and can attest to his hospitality, good humor and generosity to needy children and older people facing challenges. He makes a point of being anonymous about his many gifts, but sometimes word gets out.”

The GAMHOF letter to the Steinbrenner family noted that: “Along with the GAMHOF Trustees, all 75 million Americans of German ancestry should be sincerely proud that a man who shares their roots achieved so much in business, sports, generous philanthropy and family. If there is one word that epitomizes the high impact of George M. Steinbrenner III’s life, it is ‘Winner.’”

In late 2007, George M. Steinbrenner III joined President Dwight Eisenhower, Levi Strauss, Babe Ruth, Albert Einstein, Walter Chrysler, Augustus Busch, John Kluge, Nobel laureate Dr. Gunter Bloebel and Walter Cronkite as the first ten inductees into the *German-American Hall of Fame*. GAMHOF is an all-volunteer non-profit agency dedicated to “educate and celebrate” the contributions to this nation from outstanding Americans of Germany ancestry through a Hall of Fame venue.

The Board of Trustees of GAMHOF mourns the loss of our good friend and enthusiastic supporter, and again extends prayers and sympathy to the family, friends and colleagues of Mr. George M. Steinbrenner III.

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