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## 'Hoops & Heroes' Launches 2011 Enshrinement Week Activities

Thursday, August 4, 2011

*Second annual basketball tournament features region's first responders, public safety, and military personnel; other activities planned*

**SPRINGFIELD, Mass.** – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame today announced teams for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 'Hoops & Heroes' tournament to tip-off the 2011 Enshrinement Celebration. The two-day tournament, featuring Hampden County Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr. as the Honorary Chair, will be held August 6-7 and feature 12 teams of first responders from throughout the region. Saturday's games will be held at Springfield College's Dana Gymnasium, while Sunday's semifinals and championship games will be played on the Basketball Hall of Fame's Center Court. The proceeds from the games and related activities benefit the Special Olympics of Massachusetts. Fans are encouraged to come out to support the event.

On Sunday - In addition to the two semifinals and championship game – activities include an exhibition basketball game by Special Olympic Athletes and a presentation to NBA official Bob Delaney, who is being deputized by the Hampden County Sheriff's Department. Delaney has been an NBA referee since 1987 after previously working as an undercover officer with the New Jersey State Police during the 1970s. He released his book "Covert: My Years Infiltrating the Mob" in 2008.

Further, in his pursuit of 1 million completed foul shots by a single individual to be made by Veteran's Day 2011, Dave Cummings will sink some of his daily commitment of 1300 foul shots at the Hall of Fame's Center Court. Cummings will return to the Hall of Fame on Veteran's Day 2011 to make the last 1300 shots that will conclude his 1 million completed foul shots made over a two year period as he raises money for the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund.

This year's Hoops & Heroes teams include the US Air Force, the US Coast Guard, Boston Police Department, the Springfield Police Department, the Hampden County District Attorney's office, and Sheriff's Departments from Hampden, Berkshire and Suffolk Counties in Massachusetts and York Correctional Institution from Connecticut. The championship team will be provided with VIP tickets to the 2011 Enshrinement Ceremony and be recognized and honored during the evening's events.

This year's Enshrinement Ceremony will take place at Springfield's Symphony Hall on Friday, August 12 at 8 pm ET. Over 50 Hall of Famers are once again expected to attend this year's ceremony to honor the Class of 2011, which includes former NBA star and 1992 Dream Team member **Chris Mullin**; five-time NBA champion **Dennis Rodman**; ABA/NBA legend **Artis Gilmore**; four-time NCAA women's coach of the year **Tara VanDerveer**;

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For more information on Enshrinement Tickets, please call the Basketball Hall of Fame's Ticket Office at (413) 231-5540. Tickets are available for as low as \$99. Each ticket price includes a tax-deductible donation to benefit the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

### About the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame:

Located in Springfield, Massachusetts, the city where basketball was invented, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame promotes and preserves the game of basketball at every level – professional, collegiate and high school, for both men and women on the global stage.

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