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I am pleased to add my support and that of the City of Topeka to the continued success of the Coleman Hawkins Legacy Jazz Festival in Topeka. Not only does “Hawkfest” provide entertainment for the area citizens, the festival has a proven record of adding to the richness of our lives by its scholarship and philanthropic contributions.

The Festival is just that—a festive occasion that brings together artists, aficionados, and all those with an ear for good music and a heart for good works. Hawkfest has grown because it has earned the support of its followers. The growing list of sponsors is testament to the quality of the festival and its mission to promote the awareness and appreciation of jazz as an art form. The generous support of those sponsors has allowed the festival to reach into our community and beyond to share the richness and history of the jazz tradition, at no cost to the public.

Topeka was home to Coleman Hawkins in his early years; now, continuing the legacy of Coleman Hawkins enriches Topeka.

I look forward to the 2009 Hawkfest with great anticipation and am proud the Festival this year will be held on the Washburn University campus.

Sincerely,

Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr.
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