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Denver Native Receives Olympic Honor



Reston, VA – July 9, 2009. ... Carrying the Olympic torch through the streets of China, Denver-native Scott Shilling will proudly become one of a handful of foreigners to perform this honor on Chinese soil.

Shilling will run 200 meters on July 23, 2008, through the streets of Jinan, China (a city of six-million people), representing E5 Systems, a US software development company whose Chinese outsource operation is based in Jinan. As an executive of E5 Systems, Shilling has lived in Jinan for over three years running E5 Systems' outsource operation and has become well-acquainted with the importance of tradition in Chinese society.

"Tradition is time-honored by centuries of both Chinese and Olympic history," said Shilling when asked about his upcoming torch run. "I am honored to be a part of this ceremonial tradition which will combine the impressive histories of the Chinese people and athletes around the world."

The Olympic torch will be carried by specially-selected runners called torchbearers for a period of 129 days which began this past March and will end with the Olympic torch being carried into the opening ceremony of next month's 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China. Torchbearers will run over 137,000 km through six different continents. Runners were selected either internally or by a public process which nominated individuals worthy of such on honor. Jinan is part of the Shandong province with a population of 98 million which will have a total of 230 torch bearers.

"Scott Shilling's long association with the Shandong province and the local Jinan government combined with E5 Systems' close working relationship with Jinan's local community made Shilling the perfect candidate for this honor," according the E5 System's CEO Ric Stroup. "We are very proud to be honored by our Chinese partners. And we are very proud of Shilling and the contribution he has made and will make on this impressive journey."

The pre-ceremonial torchbearers set the stage for the Olympic Games which begin next month in Beijing when 10,500 athletes will participate in 28 sports over a 16-day period, August 8-24, 2008.

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