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**The Greer Foundation Honors Hailey Cox with
IRON THUMA AWARD**
Award is a Prestigious Honor for Physically Fit Youth

Eastman, GA – The Greer Foundation today announced it has awarded the IRON THUMA AWARD, an honor presented in recognition of exceptional stamina, superior fitness, energy, and strength in memory of a fallen warrior, to Hailey Cox of Springville, UT. Hailey is an accomplished youth wrestler who won a Gold Medal at the Utah Super State Tournament held on February 4, 2012. Hailey won the 5th-6th grade division, 75 lb bracket. She was the only girl competing and there were 922 wrestlers at the tournament.



Established in 2010, the award is presented to individuals who exemplify the characteristics of Master Sergeant David K. Thuma – superior physical excellence, stamina, and strength.

Tragically, on June 18, 1998, Master Sergeant Thuma, whose physical prowess was legendary in the Special Forces community, died unexpectedly from a massive heart attack. He was leading his SCUBA detachment's morning physical fitness training while deployed to Kenya. He was 36 years old. At the time he was the Team Sergeant for Special Forces SCUBA Detachment ODA 385, 3rd Special Forces Group (A).

Dr. Greer served with David in Special Forces units. “Dave’s physical prowess was incredible. He was one of those rare individuals who pushed you beyond your limits...and then talked you into another mile!” said Dr. Steven Greer, founder of The Greer Foundation.

“Recipients of the IRON THUMA AWARD have clearly demonstrated incredible stamina, mental toughness, and physical excellence – Hailey personifies all three” Dr. Greer said.

For more information about The Greer Foundation email info@greerfoundation.org or visit their web site at www.greerfoundation.org

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