Recommendation for Marilyn Schoolmeester-former Minnesota Adviser and National FCCLA Consultant

National FCCLA Distinguished Service Award nominee

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To whom it may concern:

I would like to nominate with enthusiasm Marilyn Schoolmeester for the National FCCLA Distinguished Service Award. Marilyn has been an adviser for 37 years from Edgerton, Minnesota. She served as a National Consultant for adviser training and conference work in over 13 states as well as for the National FCCLA organization. This was unprecedented service to the national and state organizations! She was a requested speaker and workshop presenter with knowledge of the organization at chapter, state and national levels. She was always a presenter with humor and the fun factor added! She did trainings in Iowa, Minnesota, North Carolina, Florida, Texas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Arkansas, South Dakota, Illinois, Wisconsin, New Mexico state conferences and adviser sessions.

Marilyn has served as a State STAR Consultant for STAR Event management for many years. She worked long hours in the STAR Events headquarters and organizing weekend work prior to the days of technology and ease of management. We relied on her for state association assistance for state and regional level STAR Events management.

Marilyn served as a National Officer Adviser to her own daughter Julie Schoolmeester and as a National Officer adviser. She assisted with training many national candidates for their roles as a candidate.

Marilyn has been honored as a National FCCLA Master Adviser, a Mentor Adviser and honored in the state as Minnesota FCCLA Youth Development Teacher of the Year 2009. She also was part of a unique adviser professional experience to Jamaica. The state association had a partnership for many years with the country of Jamaica’s education minister and embedded teachers into Jamaica schools for professional and cultural experiences. These FCS teachers developed lesson plans for cultural competency, food and family life lessons for their MN students.

Marilyn also participates in a Japanese programs, the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teachers Program to Japan for educators and created FCS lessons to bring cultural experiences back into her classroom following that experience. Marilyn exemplifies a lifetime of service to the FCCLA organization in many roles. She continues to convene the former advisers each summer with a reunion and continues to be an ambassador to the organization and the FCS profession.

It has been my pleasure to watch Marilyn work with multiple youth officers in FCCLA. Marilyn is diligent in her preparation for leadership tasks. She has represented our state association at the National FCCLA Conference, advised many students who competed for STAR Events competition and has a passion for family and consumer sciences education. Marilyn is articulate, well prepared, thoughtful, is enthusiastic as she works well with students. She engages you in her Fun filled approach to the leadership role. Marilyn is accepted well by her peers and other teachers as she is caring, fun to be around, and “on task.” I would never worry that Marilyn would come in well prepared, ready to “represent” and take on additional responsibilities.

Sincerely,

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