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Dear FCCLA Evaluation Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I provide a letter of support for the nomination of Marilyn Schoolmeester for the national FCCLA Distinguished Service Award. Not only does this award represent all that that she has been able to accomplish on the chapter and state level, but it will also recognize her work on projects, programs, publications, and materials for prospective teachers on the national level.

I know first-hand about her numerous contributions. Marilyn served as a National Executive Council Adviser (NECA) when I was a member of the Future Homemakers of America staff. During this service, not only did she mentor and guide a national officer, but she also served as a mentor for the staff and helped move the organization forward with innovative adviser training, national presentations, onboarding incoming NECA advisers, and helping to create the Spirit of Advising national award. She also helped redesign the pins for the Master Adviser, Adviser Mentor recognition program.

Marilyn is a gifted educator and a recognized leader. She has developed and delivered national and state FCCLA programs with successful outcomes while demonstrating her unwavering passion for serving all students and advisers. She has always been committed to making a difference in families, careers and communities through intentional service and the high quality and well-known programs for which she is known. She is enthusiastic about providing students with opportunities to build their confidence, become leaders and make a difference. She helps students and her peers exceed their own expectations.

In addition to teaching, FCCLA has always been her passion in her service to so many diverse levels of the organization. She has been recognized for excellence in teaching, STAR events and leadership.

Marilyn has always gone above and beyond the normal requirements expected of a family and consumer sciences professional and a chapter adviser. She is best described as that professional that gives her all but expects nothing in return.

Marilyn has made it possible for FCCLA to drive positive change through education. She has done this quietly and without the expectation of any acknowledgement or recognition and now it is time to shine the spotlight on her. I encourage the committee to present her with the national FCCLA Distinguished Service Award for the service that she given and will continue to give to an organization that she loves.

Sincerely,

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