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The first paragraph addresses the Regional Outstanding Young Member Award criteria "recognizes contributions and leadership to the public and the community"

To the Regional Outstanding Young Member Award Committee:

It gives me great pleasure to write you and ask for your support of a young member that I feel exemplifies this award. She meets all of the award criteria. First she has done public service in the Bakersfield Community by working with the Bakersfield Homeless Shelter Haunted House for 3 years. This is a major fund raising event for the shelter. In addition, she has gone out and cleaned up our highways and parks for several years through the Adopt-A-Highway program. She has been a guest speaker for several youth events like the Youth Leadership Bakersfield Energy Day and for 4 years at the Bakersfield High School Engineering Day. Not only will she get in and do the trash clean-up that none of us like or make presentations to a bunch of High School Students year after year but she has for 6 years been a regular blood donor.

The second paragraph addresses the award criteria "recognizes contributions and leadership to the Society of Petroleum Engineers, the profession of petroleum engineering, or the petroleum industry within the region."

Her service to SPE for someone so young is very impressive as well. She has been a section officer serving as, Membership chair, YP Liaison, Secretary, Treasurer and currently as Section Chair. She has used her great computer skills to help the section gain access to PayPal for meetings and courses making it easier for our members to pay and make reservations. She has served at the International level on the Digital Energy Subcommittee from 2006 -2009 and the YEPP planning committee in 2006. She has helped with the section scholarship selection, and its annual golf tournament. While a student at West Virginia she was selected Outstanding Student in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering Award for 3 years and also won first place at the 2000 SPE International Student Paper Contest which I happened to be in the audience to hear. She has continued to co-author 6 SPE papers since graduating.

I've watched [redacted] grow from a confident summer intern able to make a great presentation to an even more confident leader in our community, at Chevron, and in SPE. It is with great admiration for all that she has accomplished by age 31 that I support her nomination at this time.

The final paragraph identifies the relationship between the author and the candidate.

Sincerely,

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Author is well known and respected member of SPE who is familiar with the candidate and her work as it relates to the award criteria.

This letter provides sufficient details that address the specific award criteria to enable the committee to pass judgment on the candidate's worthiness