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Dear Members of the Scholarship Committee,

It is my pleasure to write this recommendation for the Randy King Memorial Scholarship on behalf of Brody Battinelli. I have taught private music lessons and ensembles for over a decade, and have had the privilege of working with hundreds of students along the way. One of the greatest parts of my job is watching students grow as musicians and people in their time with me. All students stand out in different areas, and there have been so many talented individuals who have passed through my lesson studio, but I can say without any hesitation that few have shined as brightly as Brody.

Every now and then, I will have a musician who stays with me from a young age all the way through high school, and this has been the case with Brody. Working with him on a weekly basis, I have watched him navigate through high and low points in his life. During challenging times, I saw firsthand how he used music as a positive outlet, and this has remained true to this day. When he walks through the doors every week for lessons, I know that he is going to give me the best version of himself, and approach everything with and dedication and an outstanding attitude.

Brody shows maturity and work ethic beyond his years. He is driven to succeed at anything he sets his mind to, and even with his immense musical talent, he is never afraid to ask questions. I have no doubt that Brody will bring the same level of dedication, curiosity, and character to his future academic studies and to his professional life, and he will be an asset to any community fortunate enough to have him. I believe he is well-deserving of this scholarship and I am grateful to have been part of his journey.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like any additional information, and thank you for considering Brody in your scholarship selection process.