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To: Kelly Smith Memorial Scholarship

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Kingston Decker

Dear Members of the Committee,

It is a privilege to recommend Kingston Decker for the Kelly Smith Memorial Scholarship. I have watched him grow into a young man of remarkable character—compassionate, resilient, and driven to serve others—qualities that perfectly reflect the attributes that Kelly Smith demonstrated in her work in NISD.

Kingston has a natural commitment to helping those around him. One example that stands out is his project King's Layers: he designed and built a chicken coop, cares for the chickens himself, and donates the eggs regularly to local police officers and firefighters. He is very giving while he displays genuine warmth and kindness, showing not only his dedication but his ability to connect personally with others. This project

highlights his thoughtfulness, initiative, technology skills, service, leadership, and desire to make a real difference in his community.

Even in the face of personal challenges, Kingston demonstrates extraordinary resilience. Losing his father at a young age could have held him back, but instead he has used that experience as motivation to grow academically, personally, and spiritually. He approaches every challenge with determination, integrity, and a positive attitude.

Academically, Kingston approaches every challenge with curiosity, diligence, and a love of learning. He thrives in rigorous environments and consistently demonstrates the intelligence and discipline necessary for success in college and beyond.

Kingston embodies the integrity, leadership, and community-minded spirit that the Kelly Smith Memorial Scholarship seeks to honor. I am confident he will continue to impact the community in meaningful ways, and I cannot recommend him highly enough.

Sincerely,
Amy Barron
1st Grade Teacher
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