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To whom it may concern:

My name is Lyndal Jenkins, and I am writing this letter on behalf of Bayle Sutton. Bayle is an active member of South Iron Student Community Connection and Students With a Testimony, both of which I sponsor. Bayle is also training to be one of my student computer technicians at South Iron and has served as Class President each year since 7th grade. I am also one of the class sponsors. I have known Bayle since she was just a little girl, but first began to realize Bayle's talent, character, and leadership ability during her 7th grade year. Bayle is dedicated, hard-working, and reliable which are qualities lacking in most high school students today. These are among the many reasons I am recommending Bayle for the Missouri Community Betterment Youth Leadership Award.

Bayle is very talented academically, athletically, and creatively. Her well-roundedness make her a very capable and respected leader among her peers. Bayle performs very, very well in all of her classes while engaging in many other school and community activities. It is important for leaders to be able to successfully balance many roles simultaneously. As an athlete, Bayle is an vital leader as a volleyball player and basketball player. She is that special player who can effectively motivate and lead other team mates in the heat of the game without losing focus or showing frustration with herself or others. Creatively, Bayle is an excellent artist and musician. She applied her creativity just this summer while helping lead mural project at our community playground.

Bayle's talents and abilities wouldn't mean nearly as much if she didn't also possess a great sense of dedication and responsibility. As a teacher or sponsor, I can trust that Bayle will approach any undertaking with great detail and determination to see that the job gets finished. I see her, in many cases, go well beyond what is expected or asked of her. These traits are why I personally chose Bayle to become one of my student computer technicians. As the technology coordinator at South Iron School, I have many more repairs and jobs to complete than I can possibly finish in a day's time, so I have a few students who I hand pick to assist me. These students must be extremely trustworthy, capable of learning quickly, and responsible to get assigned projects finished. I am looking forward to having a student of Bayle's caliber in one of these positions for the next two years.

Lastly, but possibly most importantly, Bayle has a wonderful approach to leadership. She is very a humble and gracious leader while still being strong and effective. She has patience with students and teachers with whom it is difficult to work. She is also very kind as she works with students who are struggling or are having difficulties. These are the kind of qualities that earn the respect and trust of not only adults but of her peers. Her classmates and teammates just keep placing her in significant positions of leadership. I believe these qualities are a definite result of Bayle's faith. She is an important leader in our Students With a Testimony group at school. She is willing to take a stand and be a spiritual leader in a culture where that's not usually very popular, but she does it with such grace that others respond to her in a positive way.

I highly recommend Bayle Sutton for the Missouri Community Betterment Youth Leadership Award full-knowing that she is an excellent candidate and among the best anywhere in Missouri.

Sincerely,

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