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Federal Aviation Administration
Houston Flight Standards District Office
12650 N Featherwood Dr #230,
Houston, TX 77034

Re: Mr. Philip Bryant – Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award recommendation

Attn: Mr. Jay C. Wilkins

I have known Philip Bryant for sixteen years as a fellow balloon pilot and highly recommend Philip for the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. Philip Bryant is one of the most well-known, respected and safety conscience balloon pilots in our country. He is also one of the few 'elite' balloon pilots in our country who are gas balloon rated; he regularly flies in both national and international gas balloon competitions.

Philip is an active balloon pilot, instructor and balloon event organizer. He is very involved with our national balloon organization, the Balloon Federation of America (BFA), having served six years on the board of directors and also being the only three term president our organization has ever had.

I have known Philip to always operate his aircrafts in a very safe and professional manner; I have never known Philip to have had any balloon incident, accident or violation. Philip is a person with very high moral standards, and is an outstanding individual who is, as I previously stated, well known and respected in the balloon aviation community, both nationally and internationally. Philip is an excellent pilot!

My knowledge and association with Philip Bryant consists of having served several years with him on the board of directors of the Balloon Federation of America and have flown several times at a large balloon event he annually organizes in Leon, Mexico. I have been around Philip for many years at various balloon events including annually at the largest balloon event in the world, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. In addition, we are friendly acquaintances.

I hold a pilot certificate number 3448044 (42+ years).

Respectfully submitted,



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