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Balloon Federation of America
P.O. Box 400
1601 N Jefferson
Indianola, IA 50125

Re: Recommendation for Ed Yost Master Pilot Award for Forey Walter

Dear BFA:

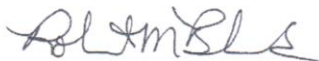
We recommend that BFA recognize the long and noteworthy service to ballooning of Forey Walter and award him the **Ed Yost Master Pilot Award**.

I have known Forey since we met as students at Washington State University in 1969. In December of 1971 I accompanied Forey on a visit to the Semco Balloon Factory, which was then located in Couer d'Alene, Idaho. The following Spring, Forey and another friend, Ray Harrison, purchased a Semco Model T and completed flight training. The next year Forey began working at Semco Balloon and participated in moving the company to Georgia. Forey returned to Washington State in the mid 1970's and began developing his own balloon designs. Forey is the owner of Avian Balloon, the holder of numerous FAA-certified Type Designs for Balloon models, and the manufacturer of sport and ride balloons.

Forey introduced me to my future wife at the 1978 National Hot Air Balloon Championships in Indianola. My wife, Carol, was a part-owner of an Avian Balloon. I began my balloon training with Forey that year and finished it with Carol, who was a Commercial Balloon Pilot. Carol and I have owned and flown several Avian Balloons.

We consider Forey a close friend and have known him as a competent balloon pilot who has flown continuously and safely since 1972. He has trained numerous pilots, supported balloonists and ballooning, and represents the best of the sport and industry. Please recognize his achievements through the **Ed Yost Master Pilot Award**.

Sincerely yours,



Robert M. Blunk
Commercial Balloon Pilot
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Carolyn Blunk
Commercial Balloon Pilot
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22 May 2013

To whom it my concern,

I hereby nominate and recommend Forey Walter for the Balloon Federation of America Ed Yost Master Pilot Award. I took my first training flight in October of 1972 and my first solo flight in February 1973. Like Forey, my partners and I purchased a Semco Model T Balloon in 1972. I had frequent communication with Semco Balloon in late 1972 and early 1973 and was aware that Forey was a fellow pilot who started working for Semco in the spring of 1973.

I got to know Forey Walter personally after Semco moved to Griffin, Georgia in 1974 and we have remained friends ever since. Forey has not only been an active pilot for 40 years, but is also the manufacturer of Avian Balloons, which featured many unique design innovations of Mr. Walter's invention. I am proud to say that I purchased the first production Avian Balloon in 1977.

I urge you to present the Ed Yost Master Pilot Award to this most deserving pilot.

Sincerely,



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