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Pennsylvania School Board Associate
Leadership Development Committee
PO Box 2042
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Dear Members of the Leadership Development Committee:

My name is Jeff Hawks and I am the Education Director for the Army Heritage Center Foundation and State Coordinator for National History Day in Pennsylvania. I am writing to you on behalf of Mr. Mark B. Miller, who I have known for several years as through the PSBA and as a judge for the National History Day in Pennsylvania (NHD in PA) program.

I met Mark at a PSBA event hosted at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center that included a briefing about our educational programs, including NHD in PA. NHD in PA is a yearlong classroom based program that engages students in hands-on historical research and exploration. Students select a topic based on the annual theme, research and analyze primary and secondary sources, draw conclusions, and create projects to demonstrate their learning.

Mark instantly understood the value of the program, and since then has been a consistently strong supporter of the program, serving as a judge and helping to recruit additional judges for the statewide contest. Judges volunteer their time, serving two days at the state contest, interviewing students and selecting the best projects to move on to the next level of the competition. Judges make a personal commitment to excellence in education above and beyond the call of duty. Dedicated judges like Mark help make NHD in PA a unique and rewarding educational experience for all students

Mark went above the usually commitment this past year by volunteering as judge team captain in the website category. This assignment requires considerable additional work both as the leader of the team and because website judges are required to spend additional time previewing the websites in the days prior to the contest.

Judges like Mark are critical to the success of the NHD in PA program. His dedication to NHD in PA exemplifies his commitment to education, his willingness to sacrifice personal time and energy to help students, and a desire to engage in diverse and innovative projects to further educational goals.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey G. Hawks', is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Jeffrey G. Hawks
Education Director