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SYLVESTER TURNER
MAYOR

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I provide this letter of recommendation for Austin Hunter. During my tenure as Mayor of Houston and after serving 27 years in the Texas Legislature, I have encountered many young individuals, and Austin truly stands out. He is a remarkable young man of integrity with a strong work ethic, a service mindset and outstanding accomplishments. As a senior at St. Pius High School, Austin is a creative and talented student athlete, who will surely enhance any program or institution.

I have known Austin and his family for over 20 years. I have seen him grow from a curious and confident child into a disciplined and respectable young man, scholar and athlete. While engaging in a variety of events and activities, Austin has excelled academically and maintained honor roll status. As a member of the National Honor Society, he has demonstrated the ability to effectively manage his time, balancing his schoolwork with his extracurricular activities to ensure that neither is neglected.

Austin is involved in a number of activities outside of his academics. Since the age of seven, he has demonstrated a love of baseball. As a pitcher, he learned early on how to be competitive and disciplined while also displaying good sportsmanship and effective leadership. Subsequently, he has been named an All-American and has been selected to compete on national teams through major showcase events and world-class baseball programs. In addition to his enjoyment of and commitment to baseball, Austin is an impressive free-hand artist. With his passion for art and aptitude for math and science, Austin plans to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.

Austin is well-rounded and operates well under pressure, evidenced by his academic and athletic accomplishments as well as his commitment to community service engagement. Most notably, since the second grade, Austin has been a member of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., an African-American membership organization that focuses on nurturing future leaders through community service. One of his many community service projects under the guidance of this revered organization was the collection of donations and assembly of 200 gift bags for low-income, homebound seniors during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am confident that Austin will flourish at any level and rise to any challenge. He will contribute and enrich his collegiate community in the same way he has enriched his school and the Houston community. It is with great pride and assurance that I recommend him for acceptance into your esteemed institution. He will undoubtedly be an asset to both your institution and his peers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sylvester Turner".

Sylvester Turner
Mayor