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Dear South Bend Hall of Fame Representative,

Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Mark Gruninger and I am the Managing Director of Industrial Consortia for the School of Materials Engineering at Purdue University. I'm writing you today to provide you a recommendation for Jack Champaigne as you consider him as a candidate for South Bend's Hall of Fame. I have known Jack for over four years, principally through my role at Purdue.

There are a multitude of Jack's remarkable professional and personal accomplishments that make him an exceptional candidate. While most of my interactions with Jack have been related to a series of materials engineering related collaborations between Purdue and his company Electronics, Inc. (EI), I'll focus on two of his traits that are embodied in everything he does: passion and a commitment to excellence. When you get to know Jack, you invariably see these admirable traits.

Jack founded EI as company to assist other companies with a long-standing industrial processing technology called "shot peening". EI's global brand in shot peening is unparalleled and Jack stands not only as "the face of EI", but the "face of the industry". This reality has occurred due to Jack's passion (and persistence) to provide technically advanced products of the highest quality. It has been sustained by Jack's commitment to excellence in all aspects of EI's business.

One aspect of this commitment is Jack's sponsorship of key research into the shot peening field, where he routinely partners with Purdue's school of materials engineering. Jack is deeply involved with projects to further the science and engineering in the field. He has a passion to deeply understand key principals and a commitment to ensuring the findings are embodied in EI's products to benefit the shot peening industry.

As I'm sure you know, Jack's passion and commitment to excellence are not only displayed in his professional life, but his philanthropy, as well. Jack is a generous contributor to many organizations both financially and with several personal talents. He truly enjoys getting to know the key participants that are influencing the path of their chosen endeavor and provides energy and enthusiasm to assist them.

Thank you for your consideration of Jack as a member of South Bend's Hall of Fame. I hope that you bestow this honor on him reflecting his lifelong contributions to the city and area.

Sincerely,

Mark Gruninger