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MEMORANDUM FOR FLYIN RYAN HAWKS FOUNDATION

FROM: LT COL JOSEPH HERNANDEZ

SUBJECT: Letter of Recommendation for Benjamin Fette

1. I am writing on behalf of Second Class Scout Benjamin Fette. After reviewing the story of Ryan Hawks and his core values I am confident Ben is a worthy candidate for the Foundation's program. In the Boy Scouts of America program, we provide an environment where youth learn amongst many other things, the value of citizenship and respect for the environment. Key to this environment is the Scout Law which declares in its twelve points – a clear set of values to live by. As an Assistant Scout Master for Ben this past year I have observed him build his forthright manner showing confidence in how he communicates, how he identifies when he needs assistance, and his abilities to work within teams of senior and junior scouts.

2. A key part of our program is ensuring that it is scout-led. Each scout is encouraged to take control of their scout experience to forge their own path to becoming skilled leaders and better citizens. Ben approached me directly for support in completing the Public Speaking merit badge and receives guidance in completing the required tasks. In one instance, Ben demonstrated his core value of hard work; in a rock-climbing campout he took initiative in completing camp duties efficiently to maximize the time available to climb for his group. He demonstrated his hard work in conquering the difficult climbing wall showing that his practice and determination have paid off. As another example Ben volunteered to prioritize the safety of others during a rappelling trip by making sure other scouts were clear of rope hazards throughout the descent. Ben also demonstrated his commitment to helping others by volunteering for another scout's service project in which he contributed all his available free time that day to provide support to managed wildlife. These examples highlight several of the core values that Ben has put into action during his scout activities.

3. Ben has progressed well in his scout journey and owning his set of values. I strongly endorse Ben for the Flyin Ryan Hawks Foundation program. With the Foundation's help, Ben can have more experiences, forge his leadership abilities, and solidify his values for the rest of his life.

4. If there are any questions, please contact me at hernandez.joseph.g@gmail.com or COMM: (910) 261-1296.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Hernandez", is positioned above the typed name.

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