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North Branch Area High School
Lifetime Achievement Award Hall of Fame
38175 Grand Avenue
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RE: Tim Butler recommendation

To Whom It May Concern,

In light of nominations for this year's lifetime achievement award and hall of fame, I am writing today to endorse Saint Paul Fire Chief Tim Butler, whom I believe to be a highly suitable candidate for the North Branch High School Lifetime Achievement Award. Dedicating over 25 years to public service, I believe Chief Butler meets the challenging requirements and expectations for this award. Chief Butler's ambitions, intelligence, and accomplishments make him highly deserving of the honor of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

During his tenure working for the City of Saint Paul, Chief Butler has served many roles. While serving as the division manager and department director, he managed the Fire Communications Center and created the Emergency Managements Department. He also served as the first Director of a stand-alone Department of Emergency Management and has served admirably as the Fire Chief for the last eight years. The Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers acknowledged Chief Butler's work and named him the "Outstanding Emergency Management Director" for the Metro Region in 2007.

Thanks to Chief Butler's leadership, our Fire Department continues to do heroic work. Because of his leadership and dedication to public service, the Minnesota Fire Chiefs Association named Chief Butler as the Minnesota's Fire Officer of the Year by his fellow chiefs. And it is no surprise. Our Fire Department responded to over 40,000 calls for emergency service – each one, according to the chief, is an opportunity to save a life or property or to ease pain, fear or discomfort.

As Fire Chief, he has led the initiative to "Take Ground and Lead the Transformation," by leading the effort to hire and retain a diverse workforce that reflects Saint Paul's growing diversity while also making progress in diversifying the Firefighter, FEO, Fire Captain, and Chief Officer ranks. Chief Butler and I remain committed to diversifying the ranks of the Fire Department through both the Fire Medic Cadet program and our EMS Academy. This is why I believe that Chief Butler is a great representative and leader for the City of Saint Paul, and I am pleased to endorse him for North Branch High School's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman
Mayor