To Whom It May Concern:  
  
Kathie Lyman has been an outstanding member of the greater Des Moines, Iowa and medical communities for decades.  I first met Kathie during one of her many trips to Washington, D.C. to advocate for the Polk County Medical Society and Volunteer Physicians Network.   I was on U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley's staff at the time and was always amazed by Kathie's energy and passion for her work, as well as the unassuming and down-to-earth way she advocated for those in need in Iowa.  
  
For years, I've had the privilege of witnessing the amazing work done by the Volunteer Physicians Network.  Under Kathie's leadership, the organization has become a premier provider of specialty medical services to Iowans who cannot otherwise afford world class care.  Kathie's work on behalf of this cause is done on her own time and often at her own expense.  I've had the honor of working with Kathie to help raise funds and awareness for this organization because, quite frankly, when Kathie asks for help with such genuine care and belief in her eyes, it's impossible to say no.  
  
Beyond her work advocating for her community of Des Moines, Iowa and the Volunteer Physicians Network, Kathie has established a scholarship fund at Des Moines University to help encourage young people in the field of medical philanthropy.  The scholarship is vital to ensuring young Iowans study medicine and practice in Iowa, using their talents to give back to the community by following the example set by Kathie Lyman.  
  
Kathie is extremely deserving of this award, though I'm sure she would never admit it.  It's with deep admiration and respect for her years of tireless service that I endorse her selection for this recognition.  
  
Sincerely,  
  
Cory Crowley