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Women of Influence Award in 2016

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Re: Miss Dolores Mertz

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter to you in support of the awarding to Miss Dolores Mertz of the Women of Influence Award in 2016.

For many years, I have known and worked with Delores on many matters primarily in connection with Iowa legislation pending before the Iowa General Assembly. In so doing, I have had ample opportunity to observe Delores in both her wonderful professional and personal capacities.

Delores was one of the most respected members of the Iowa General Assembly. There was good reason for that distinction. She always took the time and made the effort to thoroughly educate herself on the facts surrounding the various legislative issues. Delores unselfishly made decisions that in her opinion were truly in the best interests of the State of Iowa, even though at times they may not have been popular ones. Great esteem was shown to her by her fellow colleagues and many other persons for her truly professional and astute approach to her legislative responsibilities.

In addition to her legislative activities, I know that Delores has served on state administrative, executive branch agencies (such as the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission) as well local bodies, always serving consciously and with due diligence.

I strongly recommend that Delores Mertz receive Women of Influence Award in 2016.

Very truly yours,

Steven C. Schoenebaum