

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation to nominate Molly Phillips for the Business Records Woman of Influence for 2019. She is richly deserving of being considered for this award.

I have known Molly Phillips for almost 30 years. I first got to know Molly and her passion for Public Television when she was an active advocate at the Capitol for IPTV. During my 10 years as House Majority Leader and Speaker of the House, I was always impressed with the passion and knowledge that Molly brought to her job promoting the immense benefits that IPTV provides for all Iowans. For the past 12 years, I have gotten to see Molly come into her own while serving as a member of the IPTV Broadcasting Board of Directors. Indeed, the very best vote I have cast as a board member was when we promoted Molly to be the Executive Director and General Manager of IPTV.

Her passion for the good that public television can bring to Iowa knows no bounds. She is a hardworking, dedicated voice for IPTV and is always looking for innovative ways to increase the benefits of IPTV for ordinary Iowans. Her management skills are exceptional, and she has hired some of the nation's best talent to come to IPTV and create what is recognized nationally as one of the top public TV stations in America.

IPTV has long been recognized as an outstanding station. The best thing I can say about Molly's status as a "woman of influence" is that her talents and skills took IPTV to another level beyond where IPTV was when she became the General Manager. Through her work, she has brought national recognition to IPTV and the State of Iowa. Her service on numerous national boards (including the PBS national board) are impressive and have allowed her to have a positive impact on the future of public broadcasting in the United States. Thanks to Molly's service and innovative practices, in the public broadcasting world, Iowa is never flyover country. Iowa is always in the forefront of the important work that is done in public broadcasting.

For these reasons, and others too numerous to mention, I am honored to nominate Molly Phillips for the 2019 Business Record Woman of Influence. Her service has helped spread IPTV's influence throughout Iowa as well as across the United States. Her influence and work at IPTV have made Iowa a better place to live and raise a family.

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