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To whom it may concern:

It is my honor to write you today to recommend Mr. Mitchel Sellers for your consideration for the Business Record's annual Forty Under 40 award. It has been my great pleasure to know Mr. Sellers for nearly 20 years. During that time, he has proven to be a loyal friend, hard worker, and skilled entrepreneur.

Mr. Sellers is the Founder and CEO/Director of Development of Iowa Computer Gurus, a local IT Consulting company. He founded Iowa Computer Gurus in 2006 while also working full time as a Web Developer. From 2006 to 2012, Mr. Sellers built up Iowa Computer Gurus to the point that he could make it his sole source of income, and made the courageous decision to dedicate himself fully to the business and leave his position as Lead Software Architect for another company. From that point, Mr. Sellers was able to put his full energy into the growth of Iowa Computer Gurus. At current, Iowa Computer Gurus supports Mr. Sellers and his family, and a team of up to 10 employees and contractors.

Over the years, Mr. Sellers has also focused on giving back to the local IT community. He has taught several courses at DMACC and Simpson college; he has a great passion for teaching his craft. He has also mentored several young IT professionals both formally through his internship program at Iowa Computer Gurus, and informally with networking help and sound advice. Mr. Sellers also typically speaks at several technology events per year, both in the US and Globally, traveling at his own expense, to share his knowledge about technology. Over the past 10 years, he has given more than 300 training sessions, which has been a major contributing factor to his consistent receipt of the Microsoft MVP award for each of those 10 years.

In addition to his direct contributions to the technology community, Mr. Sellers also volunteers on the boards of two not for profit organizations: Cirrus Owners and Pilots Association (Board member, Director of IT), and the DNN Association (Board member, Treasurer). His work with COPA allows him to blend his love of aviation, and his love of technology by helping the organization with IT initiatives that promote safe flying.

Not content to run just one successful company, Mr. Sellers owns or operates two other businesses: MS Flight Training LLC (Owner), and Midwest Flight Solutions (Partner). Mr. Sellers runs these businesses to help others share in his passion for aviation, and has helped many people with their flight training and airplane purchases.

Through all of this, Mr. Sellers has maintained his work/life balance, is married to a wonderful woman, and has a young son, with another child on the way. He never loses focus on what is important in his life. To me, Mr. Sellers exemplifies the American dream of entrepreneurship, where hard work and dedication are rewarded with both personal and professional dividends.

In closing, it is my firm belief that Mr. Sellers deserves your strong consideration for the Business Record Forty Under 40 award. He has shown me what it means to be a good friend, a leader in the business community, and a dedicated family man.

Best Regards,
Andrew Weber