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FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

January 9, 2014

To: Forty Under 40:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Mike Billings to recommend him for recognition for the honor of being named, "Forty Under 40."

I have known Mike for 5 years through his involvement with the Waukee Family YMCA, a branch of the YMCA of Greater Des Moines. Mike has served on our board for 5 years. As part of his involvement, he has served on numerous committees, including the Facilities Committee. Mike also has taken on leadership roles in our Annual Campaign, which helps raise money to sustain the Y, and provide scholarships for low income individuals and families to participate.

I have had the opportunity to get to know Mike and his wife, Leslie, on a personal level. They are both civic minded and strong members of the Waukee area community. I have competed in adult basketball league with Mike, as well. He competes in a way that is friendly and respectful of others. Mike is also focused on his own personal development, as well as living out a healthy lifestyle.

I believe Mike is an outstanding community member and have no reservations endorsing him for an honor such as this. If you have any questions or I can be of help in any way, please feel free to contact me at eric.kress@dmymca.org or 515-868-0502.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Kress'.

Eric Kress
Executive Director
Waukee Family YMCA