December 12, 2023

Dear NACAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

Please accept this letter in support of Greg Endres, NDSU Extension Area Agronomist, in consideration for the NACAA Hall of Fame. Greg’s lifetime of dedication to the crop producers of North Dakota and his willingness to assist the next generation of Extension agents and producers speaks volumes of his value to the state of North Dakota and Extension.

Greg and I grew up together in NDSU Extension. I have watched him interact with both the central North Dakota crop producers and a state-wide audience providing researched based information on various crops and pest problems. Greg’s practical and researched based approach to our crop producers’ problems have gained him statewide respect. Greg’s calm manner has helped producers work through some very difficult problems over the years. Greg is a sought-after speaker in North Dakota for many different agronomy related programs and events. I know personally that he has been a popular speaker in Walsh County. He has been a great help in keeping our edible bean acres from blowing with his work on planting this crop into rye. He has shown our edible bean producers not only does it help control erosion but that it can have a positive effect on some problematic weed species without sacrificing yield.

Greg is a stabilizing voice to guide and assist new Extension Agents. There has been rising turn over in county extension positions in North Dakota over the past five years; he has worked hard to train new hires into competent contacts for the crop production area, if not experts. I know that many of these new agents have his number in their cell phone, including me, a veteran of 40 years as a county Extension agent. Many of our new ag agents are weak in crop production and they depend on Greg not only for advice but training to upgrade their skills in this area. I have watched him train young agents and he does an exceptional job. Additionally, Greg has been very active in NDAAEA serving has president, secretary and has served as chair of the Agronomy and Pest management committee and chair of our Recognition and Awards committee. He has also served has president of our Epsilon Sigma Phi and our North Dakota Youth workers Association.

Greg was a volunteer 4-H Leader for twelve years and served on various committees for the Foster County 4-H Council. He has also been an active volunteer for youth events at the Carrington High school over the years. He has been involved in his church serving has a faith formation teacher to youth in the Catholic church in his community. He also has served as a Parish Council member, lector, usher and Communion minister. He has taken his service to his faith and community one step further through his involvement in the Knights of Columbus both on a local and state level. Greg is one of those valued leaders who is willing to selflessly give his time and talent to make his small part of North Dakota a better place to live.

In conclusion, Greg Endres is an individual that one rarely sees well respected, community leader and educator of our youth. I hope his experience and ongoing dedication to crop production concerns through collaboration with Extension Agents is evident. Please contact me if you would like additional information in support of Greg Endres.

Sincerely,

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