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YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN 48197

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The Distinguished Faculty Award Committee
c/o Eleanor S. Wright, Associate Professor
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To the Committee:

It is my understanding that Dr. Jack Harris has been nominated for a Distinguished Faculty Award in the area of Service at Eastern Michigan University.

I know little of his service to our University but if it is comparable to that he has devoted to our important One Room Schoolhouse project, and to preservation and restoration in this community, it must be significant.

Since the inception of our project to bring the Town Hall School to the campus nearly three years ago, Jack has chaired the very important sub-committee on Preservation and Restoration. From the beginning Jack and his committee have insisted that the school be preserved as it stood, and to restore it to its 1895 pristine condition, now that it is on its permanent resting place.

The school has been preserved and the exterior restored. Through Jack's committee plans are well underway for a complete restoration of the interior to be a true example of a late 19th century one-room country school.

He was selected as chairman of this important sub-committee as recognition of his efforts for and experience in the preservation of and restorations of several early 20th century homes in the Ypsilanti area. And perhaps even more so for his dedication to the principles of preservation.

Jack is currently President of Ypsilanti's Heritage Foundation, a significant force for some time in preserving and promoting the valuable heritage of our community.

I am very pleased to support Jack Harris for this well-deserved award.

Cordially,

Dean Rockwell, Chairman

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