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Dear SAE Fellows Committee:

I am writing to express my support for the selection of Dr. Joseph T. Jones as a SAE Fellow.

I have known Dr. Jones for more than twenty-two years. My relationship to Dr. Jones has changed over the years – as an engineer under his management, a developing leader under his mentorship, and a colleague working together developing defense technology strategy.

Dr. Jones has consistently proven to be an exceptional forward-thinker and next-generation strategist. His leadership roles with XXX, XXXX, XXXX, and XXXX carry a consistent theme of strategic innovation. The organizations led by Dr. Jones delivered world-record turbine engine performance and automotive fuel efficiency. In my experience working with Dr. Jones, it is his vision, openness to others' thoughts, and obvious enthusiasm for delivering new technology that have been the keys to his outstanding achievements.

Key examples of Dr. Jones success in leading large organizations to exceptional achievements include leading XXX team in design and development of the XXX vehicle (an advanced technology demonstration vehicle that achieved the 80 mpg target established by PNGV) and the early technology development embodied in the XXX LiftFan and XXX engine.

I whole-heartedly recommend that Dr. Jones be granted the Fellow grade in SAE. He is an industry leader in the field of innovative aerospace propulsion and automotive fuel-efficiency and is most worthy of recognition within SAE.

Regards,

Sara James
Chief Executive
Smith Corporation

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Dear SAE Fellows Committee:

It is my pleasure to support the nomination of Dr. Joseph T. Jones to be an SAE Fellow.

I have known Dr. Jones since 1993 when he was appointed the PNGV (Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles) Director for the XYZ Company. At that time I was serving as Executive Director of USCAR and the U.S. Federal Government. Dr. Jones and his counterparts from ABC and DEF companies provided outstanding leadership to a historic partnership between the U.S. automotive industry and the U.S.

Dr. Jones brought two critical elements to the PNGV leadership team: his knowledge of the functioning of many facets of the U.S. government, and his deep, broad technical knowledge and experience. His leadership in both of these areas helped shaped the PNGV team and created a model for industry/government collaboration wherever significant industry challenges required input and support (financially and technologically) from the government. During his tenure as a key member of this team, numerous technological successes were achieved through industry/government collaboration (including advancements in hybrid-electric systems, lightweight automotive components and systems, and internal combustion engine technologies leading to cleaner, more fuel efficient powertrains.)

During this time, I was also a member of the ABC R&D Center management team along with Dr. Jones, and observed his leadership in designing and creating the ABC hybrid car, the ABC demonstration vehicle that achieved the "3 times fuel economy" stretch R&D goal of the partnership. Again, Dr. Jones' broad technical background and his management skills were key elements in ABC's achievement of this milestone.

Dr. Jones' managerial, technical and collaborative skills make him an outstanding candidate for SAE Fellow.

Sincerely,

William Walker

Executive Director
SUPERCAR