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To whom it may concern:

I have known Ed Turlington Jr. in a variety of capacities spanning over thirty years. I first trained in Tai Koshi Do with Ed in the early eighties under Mr. Wayne L. Davis. After Ed served in the Army with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and at NATO headquarters as a member of General James P. McCarthy's security detachment, he joined the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division where I supervised him as the platoon sergeant of Company C., 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 279<sup>th</sup> Infantry in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Ed is loyal, honest, efficient, competent, and has excellent rapport with people of all ages. He is certified to teach American History, Oklahoma History, Political Science, Economics, World History, World Geography, Drivers Education, Health and PE, and is qualified to coach. Ed is a hard worker and a volunteer in the workplace. In his last teaching position he worked after hours as boys and girls basketball coach for both elementary and Jr high teams, led high school weight lifting and was assistant coach for high school football and high school boys and girls basketball teams. He also volunteered to teach a class for free to a high school student that was behind in credits to graduate. In 2011, his additional duties included Unit Prevention Leader, Equal Opportunity Leader, Family Readiness Leader, and Unit Mobility Planner. Also in 2011, Ed and his wife represented the state of Kansas at the National Capitol Re-enlistment Ceremony and Family Readiness Conference at Washington DC led by the commanding general of the US Army reserve.

I have been friends with Ed and his family for well over 30 years and I am proud of what he has accomplished both in his work and in his family life. During my time as the Command Sergeant Major of the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team I was a mentor for Ed for his military career. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Dean Bridges", written over a circular stamp or seal.

J. Dean Bridges  
Nowata County Commissioner  
District #2