

February 11, 2008

Tom Whipple
Society of Petroleum Engineers
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Dear Tom:

I would like to offer my sincere recommendation and support for James Daniel "Danny" Bell to receive the Distinguished Service Award. His history of activities and service to SPE on local and national levels make him well qualified for the award.

I first meet Danny while attending a membership workshop sponsored by SPE at the annual meeting in 1990. He was Membership Chairman of the Oklahoma City Section and very eager to learn how to increase their membership.

Subsequent to his move to Dallas in 1997, I began to work with him on a continual basis in all phases of Dallas section operations. His enthusiasm for upgrading/improving the operations of the various offices he has held is exceptional. I have witnessed Danny's leadership inspiration on younger members of the Dallas section. I could see them blossom as they served on the board and different committees within the section.

His support of membership expansion, scholarship funding and community activities to expose our students to the oil and gas industry are commendable and will bear fruit as it will encourage new entrants into our industry.

Danny is definitely deserving of this award and I urge you to select him as the recipient.

Regards,

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