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Dear Mrs. Thompson,

I am writing to express my support of Danny Bell for consideration of SPE's Distinguished Service Award. I have known Danny about three years, and he has already made a significant impact on my involvement with SPE and my career in the petroleum industry.

I moved to Dallas in 2006 after several field jobs in the industry, and that is when I joined SPE. Danny was one of the first people I met, and he encouraged me to get involved with the organization and strive to improve the chapter, organization, and industry. My first involvement began with the Young Professionals chapter in Dallas. With the support of Danny and the regular chapter I helped start the Dallas YP chapter and grow it to over 100 active participants. Then Danny encouraged me to join the regular board, and I did that last year serving as the Sports and Social Chair and this year I am the Program Chair. I have immensely enjoyed my involvement in SPE, and the person I primarily attribute getting me started is Danny. Not only has he been a great inspiration, but I also consider him a good leadership mentor who has assisted in my growth as a petroleum engineer.

Some of the other ways that Danny's efforts have embodied SPE include:

- Encouraging the commencement of a study group, which has successfully increased knowledge exchange.
- Working with our chapter's education group to help promote engineering to young school students in their development.
- Helping expand our chapter scholarship, membership, fundraising, and involvement in the community.

I hope you will strongly consider Danny for this prestigious award. Feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss Danny's merits.

Regards,

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