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Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Honorable Governor Nikki Haley,

Thank you for considering sending our daughter, Erica Lynn Perry, a commendation letter for her community service and outstanding achievements during high school.

Erica has been home educated all of her life and has been dual enrolled in college her last two years of high school. She has earned twenty nine credits, has maintained a 4.0 grade point average, and at the age of 17 received her Emergency Medical Technician Certification.

Erica is driven to excel not only in academic endeavors but also in her athletic and community service actions. She started in the AWANA program at the age of three and worked hard to earn her Citation Award. She continued to strive by volunteering as an AWANA teacher with the three and four year olds at Smith Memorial Church in Williamsburg, Virginia on Wednesday nights during the academic school year for the past five years.

Erica started karate at the age of four and earned her black belt by the age of twelve at Mongoose Karate Club. Erica often volunteers to help others achieve the same goals. Other activities include horsemanship and the Miss Teen Richmond Pageant. She has participated in a number of Varsity sports which include basketball (all tournament), softball, and field hockey. Her favorite hobby includes caring for animals. Erica raises many chickens, turkeys, quail, and peafowl and she has on many occasions donated some of the eggs to help others in their time of need. If Erica sees a need, she does everything in her power to meet a need. People love to stop by to interact with the animals that she hand-raised.

With her caring nature, Erica plans to pursue a career in the medical field and her biggest struggle now is to determine if that will be caring for people or animals or maybe just a little of both.

Thank you again for considering Erica for a letter. She is so proud of her two older brothers who are Eagle Scouts and we know that their letters had a positive impact on them. We are sure your encouraging words will have a profound impact on Erica's life as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron and Rebecca Perry". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and connected.

Aaron and Rebecca Perry