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To: ND Native American Hall of Honor Committee
C/o ND Indian Affairs Commission
600 E Boulevard Ave. Judicial Wing – Room 117
Bismarck, ND 58505-0300

Re: Reference for Harriett Skye

Dear Hall of Honor Committee,

I was pleased to learn that Dr. Harriett Skye has been nominated for the ND Native American Hall of Honor. Her long standing contributions on behalf of Native American communities and individuals deserves the recognition and honor that the Hall of Honor provides.

Dr. Skye, as UTTC Vice President of Intertribal Programs (2005-2011), provided a voice for Tribal Nations in the development of Land Grant programs funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, just as she communicated with others, the programs possibilities that would benefit their communities. She provided strong leadership and guidance to the Land Grant program during years of transition and guided me as a new director to develop strong programs that would benefit the college and the Tribal Nations we serve.

Early in her career she established programs that addressed the needs of incarcerated individuals, those confined to the state penitentiary or those in transition centers. When she returned to UTTC in 2003 regularly planned sessions were resumed with Dr. Skye as the organizer and lead. She also led students, staff and faculty to address diversity issues and create a greater awareness of global issues.

As a role model she was an inspiring leader. She openly discussed personal struggles and issues that could have led to failure. She publicly praised the individuals and organizations that contributed to success in the college setting and in her home communities. Her humorous stories carried messages of resiliency and strength.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts about Dr. Harriett Skye.

Sincerely,

Pat Aune, UTTC Land Grant Program Director