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Miss Mississippi Board of Directors Miss Mississippi Corporation P.O. Box 742 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Ms. Katelyn Perry

Dear Miss Mississippi Board of Directors,

It is an honor to compose this letter offering *highest* commendations regarding Katelyn Perry, Miss Jones County and candidate for Miss Mississippi 2025. Earlier this year, I made Katelyn's acquaintance. In each encounter with her, I have been consistently mesmerized by her amazing personality and captivating beauty that radiates from inside out. I am uniquely poised to render this missive from my perspective as a physician anesthesiologist, former Junior Miss state winner (MS - 1994), former national judge for Distinguished Young Women (2017), and mother of a Magnolia Belle and ambassador member of her 501c3 non-profit organization, "Crowns for a Cause".

Katelyn's fervent zeal for the Miss Mississippi Program and the high tenets it represents is apparent to all who meet her. She is an altruistic person who is committed to helping others. The charitable work she has spearheaded through her non-profit has been impactful to countless patients in the hospital facility I am affiliated with (UMMC) and beyond. She is an effective communicator and has the innate ability to bring groups of individuals together to actuate positive change. She has exhibited remarkable initiative in the collaborative work she engages in with Children's Miracle Network. As a mentor, she is an inspiration to girls of all ages as she provides a formidable example of what it means to serve others and be a positive role model.

Katelyn's commitment to the Miss Mississippi Program has been enduring and genuine. She personifies resilience and grace under pressure, qualities that are essential for the titleholder of



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Miss Mississippi. Katelyn's perseverance and tenacity towards working to achieve her goal of becoming Miss Mississippi are truly admirable. She is talented, well-rounded, resourceful, extremely pleasant, and a highly motivated young lady of integrity.

Based upon my interactions with her and observations of her moral character, I have no doubt that if selected, she would be an *outstanding* ambassador for our state as Miss Mississippi! Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of highest recommendations on Katelyn's behalf.

Respectfully,

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