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I am writing this letter in support of Dr. John Homer's application for tenure. I have known John for a little over four years, and have interacted with him in a variety of capacities. This past spring, John and I co-taught an Honor's Colloquium. The colloquium was titled "Collective Intelligence", and examined the ways collective wisdom is used in nature and by human society. We taught the colloquium over five-weeks, meeting regularly throughout to plan each week's class. John was very organized, well-prepared for class, and interesting to listen to during class. The students were quite engaged, and really seemed to enjoy the information he presented. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching with John. We will most likely teach this course again in a few years.

John, his wife Laura, my husband and I served together for several years on the leadership team of our Sunday School class (Around the Table) at Highland. We planned out the class schedule, coordinated with invited speakers, and rotated through teaching/leading discussion. John led discussion and taught class a number of times, on several occasions with very little notice. He spearheaded one series that the class did for more than a semester, using the book "3:16 Bible Texts Illuminated" by Donald Knuth. John was very comfortable in the teaching/leading role, and has the depth of biblical knowledge to do it well. Even though he is no longer on the leadership team, he continues to lead prayer and contribute to class in significant ways.

My family is also involved in a life group with John's family and four other Highland families. We have been meeting regularly for the last several years for discussion. The Homer's have volunteered their house for the past two years as our meeting location. John has played a pivotal role in keeping the group together over the past few years. If the group's fate had been left up to any of the rest of us, it could have fallen apart due to the usual distractions of life. I am grateful that John was committed enough to be organized and to hold the rest of us accountable.

John is a close friend of both my husband and I. We both truly appreciate the wisdom and perspective he brings to our lives, and consider our friendship very meaningful. I expect this relationship to continue to grow and deepen in the future.

I hope I have made it clear that I believe John to possess the attributes that are important to ACU in a professor. He serves in meaningful ways, is an excellent and knowledgeable teacher, and a good friend.

Sincerely,

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