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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Dr. John Homer for promotion to the position of Professor in the School of Information Technology and Computing. Dr. Homer was easily one of my most influential mentors during my time at ACU, and I am honored to share a few of the many reasons he exemplifies what it is to be an excellent teacher. In the years since I started my studies in the fall of 2013, I was privileged to be a student in several of Dr. Homer's classes as well as his Teaching Assistant for four semesters.

Dr. Homer uses his position as professor as an opportunity to impact his students spiritually. One thing that I especially appreciated was the Spiritual Formation Event series I often attended over the humility that was led by Dr. Homer. I was inspired by his willingness to discuss such a challenging and counter-cultural message that is so central to the kind of people we are called to be as Christians, and I still think often of phrases that I heard during those sessions. He also used this forum as an opportunity to empower students to learn to lead these kinds of discussions by allowing anyone who wanted to sign up to facilitate the discussion on a given week. Not only did I grow personally from these conversations, but it was a privilege to see the growth in my peers as well.

In addition to his commitment to growing in humility as expressed in his leadership of the chapel series, Dr. Homer also is defined by his diligence in using each lesson he teaches and each assignment he gives as an opportunity to hone his craft as a teacher. During the years that I spent as his Teaching Assistant, he never failed to consider whether there might be a way to improve something in his class. He encouraged me to be creative and engaged in thoughtful conversation with me about testing, course format, the schedule for content delivery, and anything else that might be relevant to make his class the most beneficial experience it could be for each of his students without ever compromising on his dedication to rigor and the highest standards. When thinking about Dr. Homer's attitude towards his work and his students, Colossians 3:23 comes to mind: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

Working with and learning from Dr. Homer leaves me with no doubt that his faith is at the center of what he does each day through his position at ACU, and I will be forever thankful for the lessons I learned from him. I consider him to have been one of my biggest supporters in college, and I cherish the memories I have of our conversations while working together. There is no one who is more deserving of the distinction of Professor at Abilene Christian University.

Sincerely,
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