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C. Nomination Questions:

1) Paul Carroll has been a dedicated volunteer for the Kentucky Derby Festival since 1995. He began his volunteering duties as a member of the Derby Festival's Pegasus Parade Safety Team, taking over a role as a Safety Team Leader in 2000. He is still involved with the planning and production of the Pegasus Parade, currently serving as an Operations Chair for the Derby Festival's oldest event. Paul is also a member of the Thunder Over Louisville Support Team, as well as the Great BalloonFest Operations Team and the Great Bed Races Engineering Team.

Paul has been recognized by fellow volunteers and Kentucky Derby Festival staff members for being an outstanding ambassador for KDF, and for his dependability, years of service, positive attitude, recruitment efforts, dedication and depth of involvement. He is consistently cited for going "above and beyond" in performing his volunteer duties and for taking on more responsibility with events every year.

2) One example of Paul Carroll's dedication came the week before the Pegasus Parade. The Parade Chair had suffered a death in the family that limited his availability. Paul stepped in and helped to build parade floats and worked in many areas that were not part of his assigned duties. As one volunteer coined it, Paul "sees a task undone and does it." In 2011, he single-handedly saved the float of The Fillies, Inc., a volunteer organization that works closely with the Kentucky Derby Festival. The float was stored in a warehouse located very close to the Ohio River, which was rapidly flooding. Even though each sponsor is responsible for their own float, Paul and his truck came riding to the rescue. He found a new storage unit and personally moved the float to a safe and dry home in the pouring rain, not getting home until after midnight.

3) Paul says he volunteers for the Kentucky Derby Festival because he "enjoys helping turn chaos into an outstanding community event. Whether it is trying to figure out how to squeeze the Broadbent Arena Bed Race track into the KFC Yum! Center, or moving the crowd on the north side of Broadway at Second Street to create an opening for the Republic Bank balloon in gale-force winds, I enjoy a good challenge. I always have fun regardless of what problems are encountered because I am surrounded by other

volunteers who share the same goals and attitude. Being able to watch a child smile, whether on the parade route or at the Thunder Over Louisville Preview Party, just makes me want to continue to volunteer.”

4) Kentucky Derby Festival Vice President of Events Matt Gibson says Paul “Continues to prove himself very valuable to the operation and production of events. Paul, as an engineer, helped coordinate the effective move of a series of 2011 KDF events (due to Ohio River flooding and record rainfall) by utilizing his mapping skills to determine what would and what would not work. He works tirelessly at the Great BalloonFest events and often brought along his teenaged son to help as well. Paul continues to offer his services and is a pleasure to be around.”

5) Paul Carroll’s dependability is unsurpassed. KDF event managers say whenever Paul is asked to do something, it will get done, guaranteed. The event managers have a friendly competition among themselves to try and secure Paul as a volunteer for their particular events. He said he enjoys helping the event managers layout their events on AutoCAD, such as changing the race course for the Festival’s Great Bed Races. He also helped with cost-saving for the Pegasus Parade by analyzing street closures, Parade-O-Pots locations and quantities, and asking why things are done a particular way and adjusting resources accordingly.

6) Paul’s positive attitude is contagious. He is always upbeat and never gets rattled. No question or request is too small or large for Paul to tackle. He patiently explains his approach to new KDF employees or volunteers and always has the Derby Festival’s best interests as his priority. He has been described as the consummate volunteer and takes the initiative to see what is needed and gets it done. He makes those around him better volunteer by setting an example of positive attitudes and a can-do approach.

7) The Kentucky Derby Festival would be a much more confused and less effective organization without the volunteer efforts of Paul Carroll. Without Paul’s leadership and institutional knowledge of Pegasus Parade operations, many more planning meetings and actual volunteers would be needed to produce such a complex event. He is now taking some of his expertise in event operations to the Derby Festival’s five Great BalloonFest events and has proved invaluable in that role.

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