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To: Helen C. "Holly" Riddle Distinguished Service Award Selection Committee
From: Smedes York 
Regarding: Charlie Leffler

It is my privilege to support the nomination of Charlie Leffler for the Helen C. "Holly" Riddle Distinguished Service Award. I have known and worked with Charlie for many years both when he served as Chief Financial Officer for N.C. State and more recently in support of his leadership of TLC (Tammy Lynn Center).

First, Charlie is extremely bright and very focused. The N.C. State budget is extensive. Charlie knew the budget in detail but was never arrogant when a subject came up for discussion. I was also impressed with his positive attitude when we worked together on the Hillsborough Street Improvement Project. N.C. State is a critical part of our community and Charlie's role was important to the success of the project.

More recently Charlie has dedicated many hours to TLC which plays such a significant role in our community. Charlie has passion which goes all the way back to his and Wanda's daughter, Julia Ann, who had developmental issues. (Now deceased.) We need more involved citizens such as Charlie that lead not to get recognized but because of passion. He is a true warrior and the results for TLC are outstanding. I already knew Charlie when he asked me to assist in the campaign. I accepted because I knew of Charlie's true dedication. It has been my privilege to work with him.