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To Whom It May Concern:

We write to nominate Haroon Khan for the Arkansas Political Science Association's Distinguished Scholar Award. Dr. Khan has served the Association in a variety of capacities for many years, including as Secretary/Treasurer, and as editor of the Association's journal, the *Midsouth Political Science Review*. He is an active scholar, a highly regarded professor at Henderson State University, and an excellent colleague and friend. We commend him to you as a deserving recipient of the Association's Distinguished Scholar Award.

Haroon's service to the discipline and the Association is widely known, as he is a colleague held in high esteem by so many. We will, however, endeavor to recount some of his outstanding contributions to his home institution and to the Association. Haroon has served as a Senior Fulbright Fellowship awardee, and authored three books and a number of refereed articles, all while teaching a heavy load at Henderson State, and engaging in a multitude of service obligations. His service to Henderson State, and his teaching skills won him that institution's Faculty Award or Scholarship (2011), Teaching (2008), and Service (2005). That is a trifecta that few among us can claim.

Haroon has also maintained an active participation in the Arkansas Political Science Association, presenting at each conference, chairing panels, and serving the Association in a variety of capacities. Haroon is also a congenial colleague, and an exceptional mentor to younger faculty serving at other institutions. On a personal note, Dr. Hacker can testify to seeking out his views on a variety of academic matters because of his maturity perspective, ready experience in matters of shared governance, and his reputation for fair-mindedness.

Haroon is a member of a very small department—he and two colleagues make up the political science department at Henderson State. And yet, Haroon has placed himself among the front ranks of colleagues in Arkansas. He taught American Politics as a Senior Fulbright Scholar at Dhaka University, Bangladesh in 1998, and has since 1990 served as the Director of the Undergraduate Public Administration Program at Henderson State. He was promoted to Full Professor in 1998. He continued



an active and productive research agenda, publishing *The Lack of Good Governance In the Global South: An Analysis of Its Effects* in 2016 (Routledge), *President Nixon and the India-Pakistan Conflict over Bangladesh* in 2009 (University Press of the South), and *An Introduction to Public Administration* in 2006 (University Press of America). His work has appeared in *The International Journal of Public Administration* (2016), *Public Organizational Review* (2016), and various journals of international public administration. As his attached *curriculum vitae* attests, Haroon has remained extremely active as a productive scholar writing on important questions of politics and public policy.

In short, we give Haroon Khan our highest and unequivocal recommendation for the Distinguished Scholar Award. He has demonstrated a profound commitment to our discipline, and he has consistently served the Association in its educational and academic missions.

Sincerely,

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