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To whom it may concern,

I have had the pleasure of knowing Othneil Isiah Drew for well over eight years, from his early junior high school years to the present as a junior at Texas Southern University. Throughout those years, his grades have reflected his passion for knowledge and training, particularly in the field of aviation. He has made every effort to prepare himself well for a career as a professional pilot. His drive and passion for aviation keeps him continually searching for new information and opportunities.

Othneil is currently a member of several organizations to include: the Virgin Islands Chapter Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (VICTAI), the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP), Boy Scouts Aviation Explorers, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), and several other community organizations.

He has not only attended several of the OBAP Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academies during his high school years, but following his graduation, served as an adult chaperone at the OBAP New York ACE Academy.

Othneil has earned hundreds of hours of community service throughout the years living on St. Croix, Virgin Islands serving as Instructor Aide for American Red Cross CPR & First Aid training, participating in food collection for the homeless, donation of goods to the senior home, assisting teachers' organizations during annual conferences and assisting the American Legion with changing of flags at the veterans' cemetery; to name a few. As a resident now of the state of Texas, he gives that same compassion to his new community mentoring aviation students, promoting safety with the Coast Guard Auxiliary and tutoring young students with various reading programs.

Othneil is a very studious individual who ensures that his tasks are accomplished in a timely manner and to the standards expected by all. He is very organized and can be depended upon at a moment's notice. He is very efficient with managing his time between community affairs, his education, work, and hobbies.

I eagerly recommend Othneil for any endeavor that he pursues and hope that you will find him deserving of the scholarship for which he applies.

Sincerely,

Cenita C. Heywood, VIYAPI President