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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a statement of high recommendation for Ms. Jeanette Alessio-Way's African-American History and Culture presentation from her Life On Wheels program:

This celebration of the sense and sound of African-American history and culture is tender, sincere and provocative. The talented Ms. Alessio-Way gets to the heart of the matter leaving the listener smiling and nodding in approval. Her dialogue sparkles. With insight, sensitivity, honesty, and a generous dose of storytelling realism, Jeanette storms stubborn barriers by drawing the listener under the skin of African-Americans revealing their joys and obstacles to success. She delves into issues with great sensitivity, understanding, depth and compassion. Her presentation resonates with warmth, humor, and wisdom as it unfolds little known facts and tales of triumph and bold adventures. It is a proud panorama of a people who have enriched American culture and life. Concisely thorough and admirably informative Ms. Alessio-Way avoids stereotypes as she renders an honest account of the indomitability of the human spirit of the African-Americans. This poignant, realistic, finely crafted presentation skillfully uses artifacts to visually enhance a triumphant celebration of African-American history and culture. This is a presentation that everyone must see, hear and then ultimately act upon by passing the information on to others.

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