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Subject: Doug Harvey Recommendation

Doug Harvey operated an exceptional museum system for the City of Lynchburg to include the Lynchburg Museum and Point of Honor Museum. His accomplishments are many -not the least of which is the record setting visitor attendance over the past two years.

Understanding who we are, is maybe one of life's biggest questions, and Doug along with the Museum Board realized their goal of accommodating (free of charge) five grade levels from Lynchburg City Schools each year. These educational field trips helped these young Lynchburgers connect to their community, discover their family history and feel pride in famous Lynchburg achievements and role models.

His efforts in facilitating the historical and interpretive marker placements most notably, Desmond Doss, helped build Lynchburg identity. Beyond the captivating rotating exhibits at the Lynchburg Museum, Doug built outreach programs like First Fridays, and expanded special events like the Point of Honor Egg Hunt and Day at the Point; all enriching the participants, encouraging commitment by Lynchburgers for Lynchburg, building community, nurturing civic duty and social responsibility.

Doug was the face of Lynchburg and regional history. He was regularly featured in multi-media interviews as "the" regional history expert. He thrived in interpreting and writing about historical places, happenings and issues. His knowledge distinguished him among state and national historians. On the local level, the community trusted Lynchburg native Doug Harvey to protect valuable local collections and preserve Lynchburg family treasures and distinguished war memorabilia. He has set an extraordinarily high standard for museum operation, and we were incredibly fortunate to have Doug as our Lynchburg Museum Director. In a nutshell, Doug Harvey made Lynchburg feel proud.

Sincerely,



Jennifer L. Jones, Director