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To Whom It May Concern,

I am honored to write this letter of reference for Susan Kilcrease, a friend and colleague I have known for over 20 years. Susan is a passionate advocate for preserving history, a commitment rooted in her family's deep ties to Southeast Texas and her father's well-known love of history, which resonated throughout the Silsbee community and beyond. As a professional surveyor, her father often shared his discoveries and insights with Susan, instilling in her a lifelong appreciation for historical preservation.

Throughout her career, Susan has consistently demonstrated dedication and professionalism. While I served on the Silsbee City Council, I appointed Susan as my representative on the Silsbee Economic Development Board of Directors. In this role, she brought a dynamic and enthusiastic commitment, significantly contributing to our initiatives.

Susan's talents extend beyond historical preservation. I have witnessed her exceptional skills in website development and social media management. At the Ice House Museum & Cultural Center, Susan has transformed a small museum into a vibrant cultural gem, attracting a substantial following eager to see the latest discoveries she unveils. Her efforts have garnered attention, with features in the Beaumont Enterprise and potential coverage in Texas Monthly. Recently, her work led the Ice House Museum & Cultural Center to earn the TAMMIE Gold Award from the Texas Association of Museums for Media Innovation and Excellence.

I am proud to know and call Susan Kilcrease my friend. I firmly believe she would be a tremendous asset to the W.H. Stark House.

Sincerely,

Sue Bard
Executive Director