

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to recommend Susan Shine Kilcrease for the position of Director of the W. H. Stark House Museum in Orange.

I first met Susan in July 2023 when I had the opportunity to tour the "Presidential Papers Exhibit" at the Ice House Museum in Silsbee, Texas, where she serves as the Curator. She conceived and created the exhibit to showcase an incredible collection of 45 presidential documents and letters and their connection to local history. She personally took me through the exposition where we spoke at length about these documents and their impact on our Southeast Texas heritage. I found the display extremely interesting and very well done. Susan and the museum's volunteers were knowledgeable, professional, and polished during my visit.

In May 2024, I requested that the awards reception for my annual Congressional Art Competition be held at the Ice House Museum, and Susan did not hesitate to accommodate. My staff worked closely with her to put this event together, and when a tropical storm forced us to cancel it, she worked diligently to ensure the students' artwork was protected and safely returned to them.

Throughout my interactions with Susan Kilcrease as Museum Curator, I have found her to be capable, prompt, attentive, and willing to go the extra mile to accommodate her guests. She is an enthusiastic historian whose attention to detail was apparent and appreciated. Without hesitation, I recommend her for this role.

Sincerely,



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