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Jot Carpenter Medal Nominations %Ms. Carolyn Mitchell American Society of Landscape Architects 636 Eye Street NW Washington DC 20001-3736

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

Please accept this letter and attached items as material supporting the nomination of Prof. Gary O. Robinette for the 2007 Jot Carpenter Teaching Medal. While this nomination carries my signature, it represents the endorsement of Prof. Robinette's teaching colleagues here, the Dean of the School of Architecture, dozens of current students and scores of alumni.

While the material spells out the many reasons Prof. Robinette merits the award, let me specify some of the highlights of his worthiness.

- *Gary is a legend in landscape architecture, having devoted his life to the profession's advancement;
- *This devotion has markedly influenced our professional organizations (ASLA, LAF, and CELA for example) and it has launched or influenced the careers of hundreds of students, practitioners and other educators;
- *He was inducted in 2006 into the initial class of Fellows of The Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture; and
- *Gary Robinette has been recognized most recently for teaching prowess through the following awards:
 - ~Piper Professorship nomination, 2005
 - ~Outstanding Educator Award (Student ASLA chapter at UT Arlington,) 2005
 - ~Outstanding Educator Award (CELA,) 2005

These examples are but the latest reflections of Gary's contributions to education in landscape architecture. I think you will find the attached submittal material, along with his curriculum vita, fully explain why his colleagues and I believe he is deserving of this year's medal.

Finally, let me add that one of the satisfying elements in this nomination is the long association and mutual respect which Gary Robinette and Jot Carpenter shared. This connection makes Gary's nomination even more poignant; because it gives many of us hope that this mutuality can be inscribed in perpetuity. I hope you and the review committee will give this nomination every consideration.

Carolyn, you will receive other letters or endorsements apart from this packet, since some will be coming from locations outside North Texas. I hope you can merge them with this material as appropriate.

Kindest regards

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