



THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

September 20, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon, 1735 New York Ave., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee of The Southeast Texas Chapter of The American Institute of Architects met at a duly called meeting on June 3, 1957 and nominated Llewellyn William Pitts, for fellowship in The Institute based upon his outstanding achievements in "Architectural Design" and "Public Service". Our Fellowship Committee, consisting of Richard Heartfield, Wallace Livesay and Mike Mebane, in their report of May 7, 1957, recommended this action to our Executive Committee. The original of this report is attached hereto.

In recommending Llewellyn Pitts for elevation to fellowship based on "Architectural Design", the Executive Committee took into account many facts including the following:

Mr. Pitts and his firm (formerly Stone & Pitts) received the FIRST HONOR AWARD of the American Institute of Architects in 1951 for the Houston Texas Coca Cola Bottling Plant. For this project they had previously received the MERITORIOUS DESIGN PLAQUE of the Texas Society of Architects in 1950. Subsequently, this Coca Cola Bottling Plant was included in the "Exhibit of Distinguished Contemporary American Buildings" sponsored by the U. S. Department of State which toured Europe for many weeks.

The "Combs Hall" Men's Dormitory at Lamar State College of Technology in Beaumont, Texas which was designed by Mr. Pitts and his firm received "The Medal of Honor" award from an out of town jury in an exhibit sponsored by our Southeast Texas Chapter of A. I. A. in 1955. Some months later this same dormitory was chosen by Georgia Institute of Technology as one of seventy-five projects for their exhibit titled "A Half Century of Architectural Education", commemorating the retirement of the head of the Architectural Department. This exhibit was circulated by the Smithsonian Institute. The Department of Commerce subsequently selected thirty five (35) of these projects for inclusion in another European exhibit and this Dormitory was selected.

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In 1956 the Board of Regents and the President honored Mr. Pitts by awarding him a certificate of membership in the "Lamar State College of Technology Citation Club". This award was made "——— for his distinguished service in designing a Master Plan for the Development of the Campus". It should be noted that this award has been sparingly made by that college to men from various walks of life who have rendered exceptional service to the college.

The Chapter and I feel that Mr. Pitts has brought credit to the profession in our section of the country by another honor; namely, his selection by the Office of Foreign Buildings of the State Department as one of the two Partners-in-Charge of designing the new United States Embassy Building in Mexico City. His Co-Partner in Charge is R. Max Brooks of Austin, Texas.

I have known Llewellyn Pitts for a number of years and am aware of many of his activities in public service. Among those considered by the committee are the following:

He has for several years taken important positions in our community campaigns for funds to support the Community Chest, Red Cross, Heart Association, Etc. These are known today in our city as United Appeals Campaigns. In 1954 he served as "General Chairman" of our entire United Appeals Campaign for Beaumont, Texas and North Jefferson County. This campaign organization embraced 2200 volunteer workers who were organized under the direction of Mr. Pitts. It raised \$546,000.00 which exceeded the goal. For this outstanding job of leadership in the community Mr. Pitts was cited by the United Appeals Board of Directors, by the Board of the Community Council, and editorially in our local papers. Since his chairmanship of the 1954 campaign, Mr. Pitts has served continuously on the Board of Directors of the United Appeals of Beaumont and North Jefferson County.

In recent years he has served as president of the following local organizations: Rotary Club (Downtown Beaumont), Roundtable Club, and Beaumont Country Club. For many years he was a member of the Board of Deacons of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Beaumont.

He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Neches River Festival for several years. For two years he was architectural advisor to the City of Beaumont Planning Commission. Following World War II he served as director of the Houston Chapter of The Texas Society of Architects before our chapter was formed. He has served on the T. S. A. legislative committee, and spent much time in the State Capitol on important legislation relating to architectural fees paid by the State of Texas. At this time he is

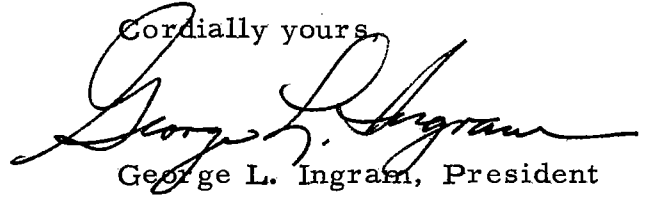
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serving as Secretary of our Southeast Texas Chapter of the A. I. A.

Since the nominee is currently serving as Secretary of our chapter this letter will serve as certification that the nominee and each of his nominators (The Executive Committee) are in good standing. Thanking you for your consideration of our recommendation, I am

Cordially yours,



George L. Ingram, President
The Southeast Texas Chapter
of American Institute of Architects



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September 20, 1957

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Gentlemen:

As a member of the Executive Committee and a director of our Chapter, I am writing you in behalf of our nomination of Llewellyn W. Pitts for fellowship in the A. I. A. for achievements in "Architectural Design" and "Public Service. "

Mr. Pitts has practiced Architecture in Beaumont for over twenty years and has been a member of our chapter since it was first organized. Prior to that time he was a member of the Houston Chapter and served as State Director to the Texas Society of Architects. He also served on its legislative committee.

In reviewing the nominee's work in design, I wish to highlight the following:

First Honor Award of the A. I. A. awarded Mr. Pitts and his firm for the Houston Texas Coca-Cola Bottling Plant. "Meritorious Design Plaque" given the same building by The Texas Society of Architects. Medal of Honor given "Combs Hall" Men's Dormitory by Southeast Texas Chapter A. I. A. This building also selected by Mr. Pitts' old school Georgia Tech for inclusion in "A Half Century of Architectural Education. "

With regard to his Public Service, it is appropriate to point out that Mr. Pitts performed the following important civic accomplishments: General Chairman of our United Appeals Campaign in 1954, where he directed the activities of 2200 volunteer workers who raised \$546,000.00; member of board of directors of United Appeals for three years. He has also served as president of the Beaumont Rotary Club, Roundtable Club and Country Club.

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I am sure you will find Mr. Pitts' record worthy of your careful consideration.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,



Harry Golemon, Director
Southeast Texas Chapter
of American Institute of Architects



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Gentlemen:

I have been serving this year as our chapter director to the Texas Society of Architects and am, therefore, a member of the chapter Executive Committee. On June 3, 1957 our Committee met and nominated Llewellyn W. Pitts for elevation to fellowship by the Institute in consideration of his work in "Architectural Design" and "Public Service".

The nominee has been well known to me for many years and I am personally acquainted with his more recent achievements that I believe are especially worthy of your consideration.

Mr. Pitts and his firm designed a number of projects for the Coca Cola Bottling Industry. The largest and most prominent of these were the Coca Cola Bottling Plant in Houston, Texas. At the Dallas Convention of the Texas Society of Architects in 1950 this project was awarded the "Meritorious Design Plaque".

At the Chicago Convention of the A. I. A. in 1951 this same project received the **FIRST HONOR AWARD** of the Institute. The Department of State included this project in an "Exhibit of Distinguished Contemporary American Buildings" which toured Europe.

His work for Lamar State College of Technology is well known in Texas. Combs Hall Men's Dormitory at that college was given the medal of Honor by our Southeast Texas Chapter in 1955. Other outstanding projects in our community and general section of the country have likewise been designed by Mr. Pitts and his firm, some of which will be presented to the Jury.

Mr. Pitts' achievements in the field of public service in our community are numerous. Some of these I list below for your special consideration:

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President of the Downtown Beaumont Rotary Club 1956-57, President of Beaumont Country Club 1954, President of the Beaumont Roundtable Club 1952, Member of the Neches River Festival Board of Directors 1954 to present. Architectural Advisor to the City of Beaumont Planning Commission 1955.

In 1954 our nominee devoted a great portion of his time away from his practice of Architecture to serve as General Chairman of our United Appeals Campaign which was highly successful.

A more complete report on his activities in "Architectural Design" and "Public Service" will be found attached to Institute Form S38.

Thanking you for your consideration of our nominee, I am

Sincerely yours,



Lee R. Buttrill, Director
Texas Society of Architects



THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER
OF
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

September 21, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon, 1735 New York Ave., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

I take this opportunity of adding this letter to my endorsement of our nomination of Llewellyn W. Pitts, for fellowship in the A. I. A. based upon his achievements in "Architectural Design" and "Public Service".

Specifically his work in design has been recognized as follows:

The Houston Coca Cola Bottling Plant, designed by Mr. Pitts and his firm, received the 1951 FIRST HONOR AWARD of the A. I. A. and the 1950 "Meritorious Design Plaque" by The Texas Society of Architects.

The first Men's Dormitory "Combs Hall" constructed at Lamar State College of Technology in Beaumont was awarded "The Medal of Honor" by our local chapter in 1955. This dormitory was selected by Georgia Institute of Technology for inclusion in their exhibit of "A Half Century of Architectural Education".

Both of the above buildings were exhibited in different years by our government in travelling European exhibits.

The civic work done by Mr. Pitts since World War II is outstanding and includes the following:

General Chairman of the successful United Appeals Campaign in 1954. This project raised \$546,000.00 for our combined Community Chest, Red Cross, etc. requirements and required many months of Mr. Pitts' time in leadership of the campaign. He has served for several years on the United Appeals Board of Directors.

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He has served as a member of the Neches River Festival Board of Directors and was for two years architectural advisor to the City Planning Commission. Prior to the incorporation of our Southeast Texas Chapter of A. I. A., Mr. Pitts served as state director for the Houston Chapter.

Within the past four years he has been elected president of the Downtown Rotary Club, Country Club and Roundtable Club.

I sincerely join the other members of our Executive Committee in recommending Mr. Llewellyn W. Pitts to you for elevation to fellowship.

Very truly yours,



Tom B. Livesay, Vice-President
and Treasurer
The Southeast Texas Chapter
of American Institute of Architects



THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

September 23, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon, 1735 New York Ave., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

As a Director and immediate past President of The Southeast Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, I am a Member of the Executive Committee which met in June of this year and nominated Llewellyn W. Pitts for fellowship in the Institute. The members of the Executive Committee are all well acquainted with the nominee's background in design and public service; however, I believe it would be helpful for me to supplement our action by outlining herein some of the important background information which bore upon our recommendation of Mr. Pitts.

In the field of design his firm received the FIRST HONOR AWARD of the American Institute of Architects in 1951. This award was given for the Houston Coca Cola Bottling Plant. It is interesting to note that the same building had been honored by The Texas Society of Architects in 1950 when it was given the MERITORIOUS DESIGN PLAQUE at the Dallas Convention. This plant has received many honors including selection for the Department of State's "Exhibit of Distinguished Contemporary American Buildings".

In 1955 our own Southeast Texas Chapter invited an out of town jury to judge certain local projects which were on exhibition. This Jury awarded "The Medal of Honor" to the Combs Hall Men's Dormitory at Lamar College. This particular building was also designed by Mr. Pitts and his firm. The Combs Hall building in 1956 was selected by Georgia Institute of Technology as one of seventy-five buildings to be included in "A Half Century of Architectural Education". This building was exhibited at Smithsonian Institute.

Mr. Pitts' work in the Master Planning of Lamar State College of Technology is recognized throughout the state.

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This college started as a small Junior College, but has grown into a four-year State supported school which now has exceeded 5,000 students and is planning for a student population of 10,000.

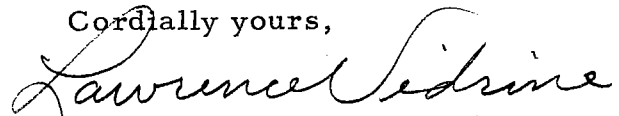
In the field of Public Service, I wish to invite your attention to the following civic jobs which have been performed by Mr. Pitts: President of Beaumont Rotary Club, President of Beaumont Roundtable Club, and President of Beaumont Country Club.

In addition to this Mr. Pitts served his community as General Chairman of the United Appeals campaign in 1954. This project required a great amount of his time away from his office during that year, but produced a highly successful drive.

I sincerely endorse Mr. Pitts for elevation to fellowship in the field of "Architectural Design" and "Public Service" and it is my hope that the Jury of Fellows will concur with our opinion.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,



Lawrence Vidrine, Chapter
Director The Southeast Texas
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The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
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Gentlemen:

It is a particular privilege to supplement the nomination of L. W. Pitts, of the Southeast Texas Chapter, for advancement to Fellowship.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with this colleague on a number of occasions and can testify that he brings dignity to, and reflects credit upon the profession as a man, and a citizen, as well as having compiled a record of superlative design and excellent public service, worthy of the honor.

While his works are well documented and nearly all known to me, I have had particular occasion to enjoy the use of his Coca-Cola plant here in Houston, which served as a home for my church during its first two years. The grace and utility of the building was emphasized to me at that time and I feel that this one work would constitute an enviable record, even were it not for the others.

Sincerely yours,



F. Talbott Wilson

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October 11, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
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Gentlemen:

In support of the nomination for Fellowship of Llewellyn William Pitts
of the Southeast Texas Chapter:

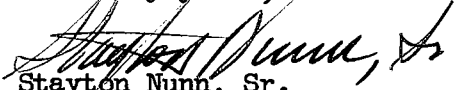
Although my personal acquaintance with "Skeet" has been limited to
our visits together at conventions, I feel assurance of his fellow-
ship calibre because of the excellent work of his firm which I have
seen and because of the high praise I have heard of his many public
services and of his engaging personality.

The Houston Coca-Cola Bottling Plant, which I see frequently (A.I.A.
First Honor Award, 1951), has exerted extraordinary influence upon
industrial design in Houston.

Within the past month I took time out in passing through Beaumont
to see his recent Comb's Hall dormitory at Lamar State College of
Technology. I felt richly rewarded for the effort.

Your examination of the material submitted in support of his
nomination will, I feel sure, persuade you as I am persuaded that
he is an eminently well qualified candidate for Fellowship in
The Institute.

Sincerely yours,


Stayton Nunn, Sr.

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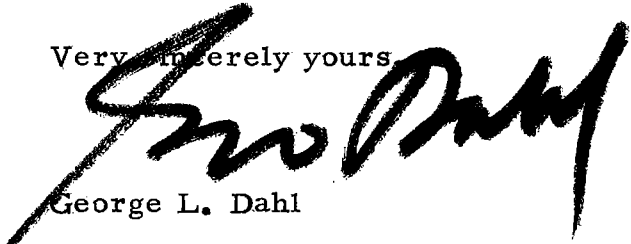
The Jury of Fellows
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To The Honorable Jury:

I take this occasion to speak in behalf of the Southwest Texas Chapter of The American Institute of Architects in their nomination of L. W. Pitts for advancement to Fellowship.

I have known L. W. Pitts for some fifteen to twenty years. I have been associated with him on several occasions and I feel that I can speak with understanding and feeling of his ability and his make-up. In my opinion L. W. Pitts is one of the strongest men in The American Institute of Architects in the State of Texas. He has been a most worthy representative of our profession, not only in institute matters but also in his civic work. His practice has been of the highest caliber. The quality of his work is far above that of the usual run of architectural practice. He has carried with him a distinctive and enviable quality of fine design and excellence in execution and workmanship. He has a fine well-trained mind with a fine feeling for good architecture. His relationship with his clients stamps him as a man of quality and culture as well as a man of integrity. I cannot praise him too highly as he commands the respect and admiration of his fellow architects. I recommend him for your serious consideration for advancement to Fellowship.

Very sincerely yours,



George L. Dahl

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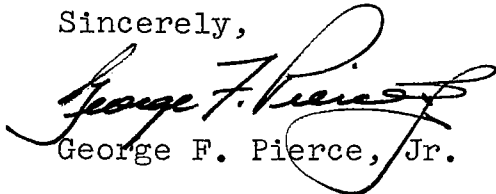
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Jury of Fellows
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1735 New York Avenue, NW
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Gentlemen:

Please accept my hearty nomination and recommendation of L. W. Pitts for advancement to Fellowship. While I have not known him intimately because his center of practice is located one hundred miles away from my locale, his reputation has long ago spread as a fine architect and community leader. Every time it has been my good fortune to enjoy his company, I have been more impressed by his character and personality. I am certain the College of Fellows would be honored to count his name on their rolls.

Sincerely,



George F. Pierce, Jr.

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14 October 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Re: L. W. (SKEET) PITTS

Gentlemen:

I have known L. W. (Skeet) Pitts of Beaumont, Texas, for approximately fifteen years and I feel that I am in a position to comment favorably on him as an Architect and as an individual.

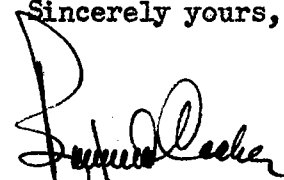
Skeet has been very active in the Architectural profession starting first in the Beaumont area, but his work has spread and his influence has been exerted over Southeast Texas as well as a number of jobs outside the State.

I was a member of the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners when Skeet was given a Senior Examination at the request of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. I was quite impressed with his presentation on his concept for labor savings devices in connection with a bottling plant for the Coca-Cola Bottling Works. Apparently this concept was very practical and resulted in an effective solution to labor costs, because the project was not only built, but many similar projects were built throughout the United States.

I consider this a definite contribution to Architecture and one worthy of national recognition. I know that the concept was strictly one of Skeet's own mind. He is due all recognition and praise.

I am happy to endorse him for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours,



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The East Tennessee Chapter

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

October 14, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

When I was informed by Mr. Douglas E. Steirman, Jr. that Mr. L. W. Pitts of the Southeast Texas Chapter of The American Institute of Architects had been nominated for advancement to Fellowship, I was very pleased.

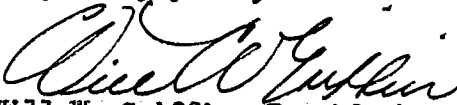
I have known L. W. Pitts, affectionately known as "Skeet", since Georgia Tech days of 1926, the year I finished school and the year before his graduation. You, of course, will have his biographical data at hand, but before many honors came his way in 1927, I was impressed with his quick grasp of functional planning and excellent design during his junior year. He was a tireless worker, a brilliant student (an "A" average as I now recall) and very helpful to his fellow students.

I have followed his career in Texas through the publication of his "First Honor Award" American Institute of Architects 1951 and "Exhibit of Distinguished Contemporary American Buildings" 1952. Some of his current work in the preliminary stage includes the American Embassy for Mexico City.

In design, research and public service "Skeet" has contributed to the profession of architecture and to his community. He is continually growing in stature and is deserving to be included in the Fellowship of The American Institute of Architects.

I hereby make my hearty endorsement.

Very truly yours,


Will W. Griffin, President
East Tennessee Chapter

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MARVIN EICKENROHT, A. I. A.
A R C H I T E C T
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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

October 15, 1957

The Jury of Fellows,
The American Institute of Architects,
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have been advised that the Southeast Texas Chapter has placed the name of Llewellyn William Pitts in Nomination for a Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I wish to add my personal endorsement to the many that, I am sure, Mr. Pitts has received.

He is a very able and charming person, and a credit to the profession in every way. His work in the field of design has been outstanding and has often received mention in national publications.

Mr. Pitts has always been quite active in Beaumont civic affairs and in the affairs of the Texas Society of Architects. I believe Mr. Pitts' admission to the College of Fellows will add greatly to its prestige.

Sincerely yours

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October 15, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
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Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It is very gratifying to me to learn of the nomination of L. W. Pitts for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute by the Executive Committee of the Southeast Texas Chapter of the A.I.A.

I feel that it is particularly fitting for me to add my endorsement to this nomination. To a remarkable degree our paths were parallel. We are both natives of the same town, Atlanta; we both attended the same high school, Tech High; the same college, Georgia Tech; graduating with the same degree, B.S. in Architecture. Because of a difference in age, "Skeet" was one year behind me all the way.

After "Skeet" graduated, he even went to work for the same architect for whom I had worked a year earlier. It was as a result of this employment that "Skeet" is in Texas, since after a few years the firm had a large (for those days) commission in Texas and he was sent out to handle this job and stayed on to establish himself in practice there.

Since then our personal contacts have been limited by distance but I have managed to keep track of his career through mutual friends and published records of his work.

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Washington, D. C.

October 15, 1957

It was a distinct pleasure to renew this friendship last May at the convention in Washington where we were able to get together with four or five other Georgia Tech architectural graduates from the classes of 1926 and 1927. This pleasant meeting was proof that the fine qualities of leadership and ability shown in college days had developed in the conduct of a successful practice and worthwhile community activities.

I deem it a privilege to recommend him for advancement.

Yours very truly,



C. Wilmer Heery, A.I.A.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

October 16, 1957

EDWARD L. WILSON, SECRETARY
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Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Re: Nomination for Fellowship of
L. W. Pitts, A.I.A.

Gentlemen:

I understand that Mr. L. W. Pitts, A.I.A., has been nominated for Fellowship by the Southeast Texas Chapter of the A.I.A. under the categories of architectural design and public service. It is a pleasure to write this letter of endorsement based upon personal acquaintance with Mr. Pitts and his career for the past 10 years. The details of his achievements, both in architectural design and public service, will have been recited in a submittal to accompany his nomination and I need not, therefore, reiterate them. Suffice it to say, he has contributed a great deal in the design of many industrial buildings, functionally as well as aesthetically and the same can be said for collegiate buildings. He is highly regarded as a qualified and capable architect, a credit to the profession.

His public service recited in detail in his nomination includes leadership in campaigns for charitable enterprises and service to his community in civic groups and civic enterprises. All architects do not find themselves confronted with opportunities so to serve, but Mr. Pitts has enjoyed unusual success in such connections, no doubt by virtue of the fact that he is a natural leader and tireless worker. His services in A.I.A. and its components is certainly creditable and much superior to a great many members.

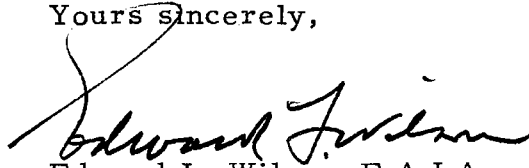
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It gives me great pleasure to express these opinions and to state that I consider Mr. Pitts entirely worthy of receiving the honor of Fellowship.

Yours sincerely,



Edward L. Wilson, F.A.I.A.
Secretary

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October 16, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
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Gentlemen:

I have known L. W. "Skeets" Pitts of Beaumont, Texas, for approximately twelve years.

It is my personal opinion as an architect, that Mr. Pitts, through high principles, excellent character, and a devoted sense of civic responsibility, has developed into one of the outstanding architects in the State of Texas.

The efficient office that is run under Mr. Pitt's direction and the excellent work they have performed in Texas and throughout most of the country is an indication of his standing as an architect.

It is my feeling that Mr. Pitts should be given every consideration by the Jury of Fellows or The American Institute of Architects for nomination as a "Fellow" of the Institute.

Yours very truly,



IRK:ff

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The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
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Gentlemen:

Mr. L. W. Pitts has been nominated by the Southeast Texas Chapter of The American Institute of Architects for advancement to Fellowship. His nomination is based upon superior quality of architectural design and public service.

Since the war, our two firms have maintained offices in Beaumont and I have had an opportunity to observe at first hand the outstanding ability of Mr. Pitts. It is my opinion that he has established through his own practice an exceptionally fine quality in design which deserves to be further recognized. The profession and our professional publications have recognized this contribution and talent through such projects as the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant in Houston as the symbol of the many others he and his firm have designed in other states. This project received a First Honor Award of The American Institute of Architects and an award of meritorious design by the Texas Society of Architects. It was included in an exhibit of distinguished contemporary American buildings which toured Europe by selection and under the sponsorship of the U. S. State Department in 1952.

The aforementioned building is an excellent illustration of design control which Mr. Pitts has exercised through his firm for important projects for Gulf Oil Corporation, The Texas Company, Shell Oil Company, and International Lubricant Corporation. In addition to these are the buildings which he and his firm were selected to do for the Centenary College at Shreveport, Louisiana. Among the many projects he and his firm have done, he also directed the design of the master plan for the future development of this college. In Beaumont, his firm designed the original master plan for the college and have designed and completed several buildings in this program over a period of years, receiving the Medal of Honor from the Southeast Texas Chapter for the Comb's Hall dormitory. It was also selected as a cover project for the Texas Society of Architects magazine, Texas Architect.

His works were included in the selection by Georgia Institute of Technology for exhibit as one of 75 projects of its former students. The exhibit was circulated

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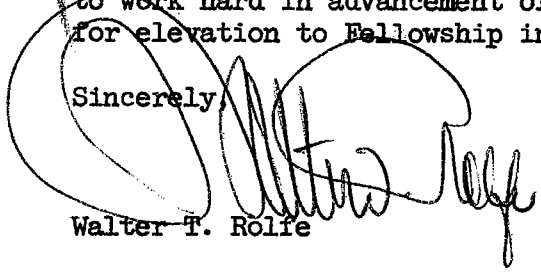
October 16, 1957

by the Smithsonian Institute. From this exhibit, the U. S. Department of Commerce selected this dormitory building as one of 35 projects for a European exhibit and tour.

In my judgment, Mr. Pitts is one of the outstanding designers of the United States and certainly deserves to be classified in that distinguished group of creative people. In addition to these talents, he has also been a very active and able participant in the affairs of his own immediate region, finding time to devote his energies to the needs of his local community and to participate as a director, officer, or advisor to city-wide activities of an important public character, including services on the City Planning Commission of Beaumont. He has been a director from the Houston Chapter to the Texas Society of Architects before his own chapter was formed, leading to outstanding service in assisting the profession to increase its recognition before the agencies of the state with respect to professional services and fees.

Mr. Pitts is a person of fine character, of unusual charm and personality. His poise and dignity have brought, and will continue to bring, distinction to the profession. Associated with an outstanding talent in design and his willingness to work hard in advancement of design and the profession, he is ready in my opinion for elevation to Fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely,


Walter F. Rolfe

WTR:bhh

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ATWELL C. LAGOW, ASHAE

17 October 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Mr. L. W. Pitts for Fellowship by the Southeast Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Pitts' nomination is based upon quality of Architectural Design and Public Service, and Mr. Pitts is highly qualified in both fields. His work for the Coca Cola Bottling Industry is well known and speaks well for the first category along with work for major oil companies. In the field of public service, Mr. Pitts has headed many organizations such as Rotary, Round Table Club, Country Club, etc., and has the responsible job of being a deacon in his church. Of considerable prominence is his general chairmanship of the United Fund in 1954. Anyone who has worked in this field knows that raising \$552,000 in a city of approximately 100,000 persons is a real feat and is truly a service to his community.

It is with pleasure that I support Mr. Pitts' nomination.

Respectfully,


George M. Page

GMP:jm

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18 October 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Llewellyn William Pitts has been nominated by the Southeast Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute based on excellence of design and achievement in public service. Having known him, his work and his activities for many years and having been associated with him on specific projects, I feel qualified to state that elevation to fellowship would be richly deserved.

His design has always been outstanding. The fine work he has done for Lamar State College of Technology, Beaumont, Texas has been much admired and was rewarded with chapter citations. His firm has excelled in the practice of industrial architecture, as many of the nations largest oil companies continually commission him for their larger and more complicated projects. His design and planning involving the integration of transportation with processing and manufacturing has reflected tremendous savings for his clients. Equally as impressive has been his design for the bottling industry. Included in Mr. Pitts' many awards was the First Honor Award of the Institute in 1951.

In community service Mr. Pitts has worked long and actively for United Appeals and in 1954 he served as General Chairman for the entire community. He has been active in the Beaumont Rotary Club, Round Table Club and the Presbyterian Church.

In professional activities he served on the Beaumont Planning Commission in 1953-54 and he has always been an active member in the Institute.

I respectfully urge that favorable consideration be given this nomination for fellowship.

Very truly yours,


L. C. Page

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October 19, 1957.

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It has been brought to my attention that Mr. Llwellyn William (Skeet) Pitts of the firm of PITTS, MEBANE & PHELPS, Architects, is up for consideration as a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects. Wish to state that it gives me a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction to give my whole hearted endorsement of Mr. Llwellyn William (Skeet) Pitts. I have been most fortunate in having had personal contact with him in some of our work and he has impressed me, at all times, with his professional contribution to the American Institute of Architects and as an Architect of outstanding ability. It is men of his type with a strong personality that we must have identified as a Fellow in order to build up the standing that our profession so sorely needs. Therefore, I hope that you gentlemen during your deliberation will see fit to add his name to the Honor Roll.

Yours very truly,



ATLEE B. AYRES

F. A. I. A.

Re: Mr. Llwellyn William (Skeet) Pitts
Beaumont, Texas

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October 21, 1957

Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Southeast Texas Chapter of the Institute has nominated L. W. (Skeet) Pitts for advancement to Fellowship and it is my privilege to add my endorsement to this nomination.

Having known and worked with Skeet on a number of projects for the past ten years, I know of no one architect more qualified to have the title of Fellow after his name. Coupled with tremendous drive and enthusiasm for his profession, is his keen perception of design, evident in almost every commission his firm has undertaken.

In 1948, the firm of Stone & Pitts was commissioned to design the Houston Coca Cola plant. The result of the planning and research on this building was an entirely new concept of material handling for the bottling industry and was to serve as a prototype for many such plants throughout the country. In 1951, this building won the "First Honor Award" in the American Institute of Architects awards and a plaque of "Meritorious Design" from the Texas Society of Architects.

Skeet's ability in the field of design and planning is particularly evident in the many fine examples of college and school programs his firm has done. Notable are the master plans of Centenary College in Shreveport, La. and Lamar State College in Beaumont, Texas. The program at Lamar State College is exceptional, in that, the same architects have been able to carry forward the results of the primary master plan from its creation in 1941 as a junior college to its present status as a four year state college. One of the latest buildings completed on the campus, "Combs Hall" has won several honors for its excellence of design. In addition to the above, the firm has completed school programs

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for Beaumont, Orange, Conroe and many other school districts in southeast Texas. The firm was also consulting architects for the award winning Ben Miliam Elementary School in Bryan, Texas.

Skeet's influence upon his community, other than in field of architecture, should also be acknowledged. He has devoted considerable time and effort to the United Appeals, the Rotary Club, Neches River Fesitval and has been technical advisor to the City of Beaumont Planning Commission.

I would like to ask that when Mr. Pitts name comes before the Jury of Fellows for consideration, that, in light of the contributions he has made to progressive architecture, that he be favored with the title of Fellow in the Institute.

Yours very truly,

William K. Duryea
William K. Duryea

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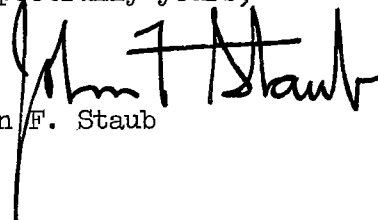
The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The great promise shown by Llewellyn Pitts as a young architect has been fulfilled throughout many years during which his firm, under the guidance of his design, has executed work of a high standard.

He is a gentleman of fine character and personal charm, admired by his fellow architects and honored by his fellow citizens. In my opinion he is the type of architect for which the distinction of Fellowship was created.

Respectfully yours,



John F. Staub

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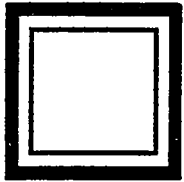
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22 OCTOBER 1957

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

RE: L. W. PITTS

GENTLEMEN:

I AM HAPPY TO LEARN THAT THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER HAS NOMINATED L. W. PITTS FOR ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP IN DESIGN AND PUBLIC SERVICE.

FOR MANY YEARS "SKEET" HAS BEEN KNOWN TO US IN TEXAS AS ONE OF OUR VERY GOOD DESIGNERS. HIS BUILDINGS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES; FOR EXAMPLE, HIS HOUSTON COCA - COLA BOTTLING BUILDING WHICH WON "FIRST HONOR AWARD" OF THE A. I. A. IN 1951 IS BUT ONE OF HIS NUMEROUS INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, ALL DONE WITH OUTSTANDING ABILITY.

HIS FINE WORK FOR LAMAR STATE COLLEGE AND CENTENARY COLLEGE IN MY OPINION RATES AS AMONG THE TOP IN COLLEGE ARCHITECTURE. SEVERAL OF THESE STRUCTURES HAVE WON A. I. A. AWARDS.

PARTICULARLY DO I RECOMMEND "SKEET" FOR HIS OUTSTANDING AND STEADY PRODUCTIVE DESIGN ABILITY. HIS ACTIVITIES IN PUBLIC SERVICE SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES TO HIS CREDIT, BUT IN ALL FAIRNESS I HAVE LITTLE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THESE SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES.

I HEREBY CONSIDER IT A PRIVILEGE AND HONOR TO RECOMMEND L. W. PITTS FOR FELLOWSHIP. HE WOULD MAKE A WORTHY ADDITION TO OUR ROSTER.

SINCERELY,

KARL KAMRATH, F. A. I. A.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.

WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

October 24, 1957

JOHN H. PRITCHARD, DIRECTOR
TUNICA, MISSISSIPPI
GULF STATES DISTRICT

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that the Executive Committee of the Southeast Texas Chapter, AIA has nominated L. W. Pitts for advancement to Fellowship in the two categories of Architectural Design and Public Service.

It has been my pleasure since 1924 to have known the nominee, L. W. (Skeet) Pitts and to have kept in relatively close touch with him up to the present time.

You will notice the honors he received while a student at Georgia Tech and in this regard I can say that his leadership, his excellence in design and his superior scholastic record served as an inspiration and challenge to the students of the department.

Also, we were in Washington during the years 1942 and 1945 and while we were not in the same branch of the service, I am familiar with Skeet's work while he was stationed at the Bureau of Yards and Docks, and it is my conviction that the fine work done by that Bureau is largely the result of his talents.

In his private practice it has been my pleasure to visit several of his buildings, such as the Houston Coca-Cola Bottling Plant which won first Honor Award in 1951 from the American Institute of Architects and many other honors which testify that the design of this building indicated a great understanding of the problem which demanded the most exhausting study and research. The results indicate the competence of the Architect.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W.
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JOHN H. PRITCHARD, DIRECTOR
TUNICA, MISSISSIPPI
GULF STATES DISTRICT

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It is my pleasure to concur with the Southeast Texas Chapter, AIA, in the nomination of L. W. Pitts for Advancement to Fellowship and to recommend his elevation to Fellowship.

Yours very truly,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John H. Pritchard".

John H. Pritchard

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 October 25, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
 The American Institute of Architects
 1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
 Washington 6, D. C.

Re: L. W. Pitts - Beaumont, Texas

Gentlemen:

It is my pleasure to heartily endorse the nomination of Mr. L. W. Pitts for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I first became acquainted with Mr. Pitts when he was a Lieutenant in the Navy stationed at the Bureau of Yards & Docks as Project Manager of the Aircraft Construction Program. He was my contact with the Navy Department in connection with the construction of aircraft facilities for Navy contractors.

Mr. Pitts' firm designed the Dallas Coca-Cola Bottling Plant in the Airlawn District, and I have been most favorably impressed with its attractive appearance. During its construction we were able to maintain personal contact.

As the years have passed, I have come to value Mr. Pitts' friendship more and more with increasing respect for his competence as a talented designer and a public spirited citizen who reflects credit on our profession to an unusual degree.

Sincerely yours,


 Grayson Gill

GG:pc

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HENRI V. JOVA

October 28, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It is with extreme pleasure that I learn the Southeast Texas Chapter of The American Institute of Architects has nominated Mr. L. W. Pitts for advancement to Fellowship. We have been friends for the past thirty-four years and I feel that through his achievements and accomplishments in the Architectural profession together with his high sense of moral responsibility the Institute would do well indeed to include him among its Fellows.

Sincerely yours,


Frank H. Griggs

FHG:msf

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LOIS J. ACKER

30 October 1957


The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that an Executive Committee of the Southeast Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has nominated L. W. Pitts for advancement to fellowship.

My contact with Mr. Pitts has been a very pleasant association. He has always stood for the high ideals which our Association holds before us. His efforts have always been toward giving the client the very best architectural service possible. He has an enviable quality of fine design and excellence in execution and workmanship. It is with pleasure that I commend him to your serious consideration for advancement to fellowship.

Sincerely yours,


Gordon Sibeck

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November 1, 1957.

The Jury of Fellows,
The American Institute of Architects,
1735 New York Avenue - N. W.,
Washington 6, D. of C..

Subject: Nomination for Advancement to Fellowship,
Llewellyn William Pitts - Design and Public Service,
Southeast Texas Chapter of The American Institute of Architects.

Gentlemen:

Having learned of Subject Nomination, I wish to write promptly in endorsement of such nomination, and to indicate by my promptness that I am in wholehearted accord with the action looking toward the advancement of this member.

I have been privileged to view work designed by Mr. Pitts and his firm, in Beaumont and in Houston, as well in some of the other communities of southeast Texas. With some of his projects I have had rather close contact, because they have fallen within the area of some of my own work.

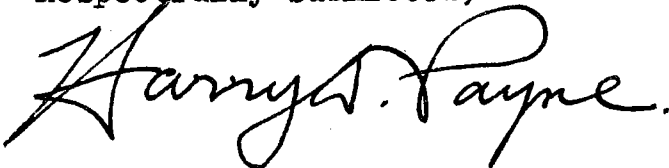
In consequence, I am able to attest at first hand that the numerous awards and citations granted his designs have been merited, and that they do really attest distinction in design.

Mr. Pitts performed a substantial service in initiating and establishing the Sabine Chapter of the Texas Society of Architects, fore-runner of the present Southeast Texas Chapter - A.I.A., and to this I am also able to bear personal testimony, as such occurred during my vice-presidency in the Texas Society.

His record of public service evidences his adherence to The Standards of Professional Practice, and in particular to the portion stating; "An Architect should seek opportunities to be of constructive service in civic affairs, and to the best of his ability advance the safety, health, and well-being of the community in which he resides."

Advancement to Fellowship would be a merited recognition of his achievements in design and public service.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATLANTA 13, GEORGIA

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ARCHITECTURE

November 5, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing to endorse the nomination of L. W. Pitts for advancement to Fellowship.

Mr. Llewellyn William Pitts was a graduate in Architecture of the Georgia School of Technology, receiving his degree in 1927. He was one of our very best students and showed marked ability in design while he was in school, being one of two men who led his class in the work he did in design. As I recall it, he placed second in the Southern Collegiate Competition, which was an annual event at the time he was in school. I remember him as a most energetic and diligent student, very ambitious and a natural born leader, as is indicated by the positions he held in extracurricular school affairs.

I have followed his career with interest since he left the school and have been pleased to see that his work since has borne out the promise shown while he was a student.

I believe that he is a fine representative of what we hope for in our graduates, that he has the good of the profession at heart, and that he is in every way worthy of being made a Fellow of the Institute.

Sincerely yours,


Harold Bush-Brown, FAIA

HBB:MWG

cc: Mr. Douglas E. Steinman, Jr.

HUBERT HAMMOND CRANE, A.I.A. Architect
3711 Camp Bowie Boulevard
FORT WORTH

November 7, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

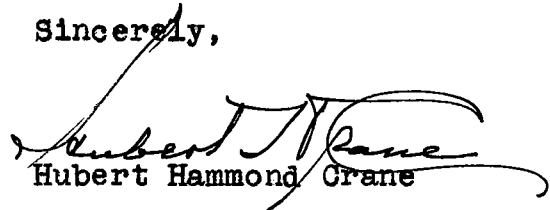
It is with pleasure that I write you in behalf of the nomination of L. W. Pitts, of the Southeast Texas Chapter of The A.I.A., to Fellowship in the Institute.

His citation on the basis of Design and Public Service is unusual but most deserved for while receiving awards for design from the Institute, the Texas Society of Architects, and the State Department, he found the time to act as president to his city's Rotary and Round Table Clubs, and to act as General Chairman of the United Appeal of Beaumont in one of its most successful campaigns.

These activities have in no way limited his services to the profession of architecture as he has been a Director of the Texas Society of Architects and has given much time to its Legislative Committee whose efforts have so improved the quality of the Texas Architects License Law.

I feel he richly deserves the honor asked for him by his brother architects.

Sincerely,


Hubert Hammond Crane

HHC:rmb

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November 11, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen,

It is a pleasure to offer my endorsement of the action of the Southeast Texas Chapter in presenting the name of L. W. Pitts for advancement to Fellowship.

I have known of "Skeet" and the record of his office for several years, and at times during the past few years have had occasion to work closely with his organization. It was then that I had the opportunity of learning of his fine contribution to his office and to his community.

Your favorable consideration will be appreciated by his many friends, both in and out of the profession, as well as myself.

Sincerely,


Olin Boese, AIA

OB/mlf

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November 12th, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Southeast Texas Chapter of the A.I.A. has nominated Mr. Llewellyn William Pitts for advancement to Fellowship, based upon various categories of accomplishments in education, services to the Institute, Public service, and design.

I have known Mr. Pitts for some time, my firm being presently associated with him on a joint project. I have been greatly impressed with his ability, fine character, and unselfish services to the profession and public welfare. Mr. Pitts is a member of the firm of Pitts, Mebane and Phelps, outstanding architects and engineers in Beaumont, Texas. He has been in practice in Beaumont as a member of this firm for twenty-three years. Mr. Pitts is registered N.C.A.R.B. in the following states; Texas, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska and Virginia.

Mr. Pitts' career in education has been quite broad and thorough both in academic and technical phases, receiving a B.S. in Architecture at the Georgia Institute of Technology. In recognition of his ability he has been awarded the A.I.A. Student Medal for Excellence in Architecture and the Gold T for high scholastic average. He also served as student instructor in architectural design at Georgia Institute of Technology.

Mr. Pitts also served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1945 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander, stationed at the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Washington, D. C. He held responsible positions, first, as project manager of an aircraft plant construction program and subsequently as project manager of construction program of Naval Supply Depots.

In the design field his major achievements have been in the design of seventeen projects for the Coca-Cola Bottling Industry in the seven states, the largest being in Houston, Texas, which received "First Honor Award", American Institute of Architects and a meritorious Design Plaque, Texas Society of Architects. He also designed large projects of various types for the oil refining industry.

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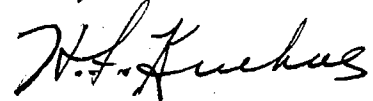
Mr. Pitts' ability and talents have been demonstrated by the design of master plans, and various buildings for the Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana and Lamar State College of Technology, Beaumont, Texas. For distinguished services in designing the master plan and numerous buildings, the Board of Regents and the President honored Mr. Pitts with membership in the "Lamar State College of Technology Citation Club", and the medal of honor from the Southeast Texas Chapter, A.I.A.

In addition to his many professional activities, Mr. Pitts has devoted much time to public and civic services, and served as President and Director of the leading clubs, charity boards and City of Beaumont Planning Commission.

The foregoing data is not a complete resume of his activities and accomplishments in the profession of architecture and citizenship. I, therefore, feel that Mr. Pitts is entitled to favorable consideration for advancement to Fellowship, and urge that you will approve his nomination to Fellowship.

Sincerely yours

KUEHNE, BROOKS & BARR



H. F. KUEHNE, F.A.I.A.

HFK:rb



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

November 14, 1957

CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Llewellyn W. Pitts, A.I.A.

To Members of
The Executive Committee, Southeast Texas Chapter, A.I.A.

An architect is advanced to Fellowship in recognition of exceptional ability or of exceptional service. The Jury of Fellows always tries to choose wisely and with discrimination, but it is limited in precise knowledge about the nominees.

To complete Nomination this form must be filled and returned before February 1st. Otherwise, no action will be taken at the forthcoming Jury meeting.

It is the opinion of the Jury of Fellows that a designer, however talented, should not be advanced to Fellowship if he possesses deficiencies of character which reflect discredit upon the profession; and that no architect, regardless of outstanding service, should be advanced if the buildings which he has designed are so notably inferior in architectural design as to reflect discredit upon the profession.

To help the Jury learn such aspects, which are not normally completely supplied through regular nomination procedure, fill in the lines below which in your opinion apply to Llewellyn W. Pitts, A.I.A. and return this sheet in the addressed envelope provided.

1. Has he many friends who speak well of him? yes
2. Do they also vouch for his accomplishments? yes
3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? yes
4. What is your opinion of his character? He is sincere, honest, considerate of others, sober and has high moral standards

Lawrence Bidune
(Signature)

Member of the Executive Committee, Southeast Texas Chapter, A.I.A.



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1. Has he many friends who speak well of him? Yes, more than most men.
2. Do they also vouch for his accomplishments? Most certainly
3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? Above reproach
4. What is your opinion of his character? Also above reproach.

Mr. Pitts is the type of man that goes out of his way and spends his own money to help other people. I think that he is "tops".

Lee R. Buttrill
(Signature)

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2. Do they also vouch for his accomplishments? yes

3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? yes

4. What is your opinion of his character? Mr. Pitts' character,

in my opinion, is beyond reproach.

Her Goleman, A.I.A.
(Signature)

Member of the Executive Committee, Southeast Texas Chapter, A.I.A.



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2. Do they also vouch for his accomplishments? Yes
3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? Yes
4. What is your opinion of his character? Excellent,
without reproach

Sam B. Lacey
(Signature)

Member of the Executive Committee, Southeast Texas Chapter, A.I.A.



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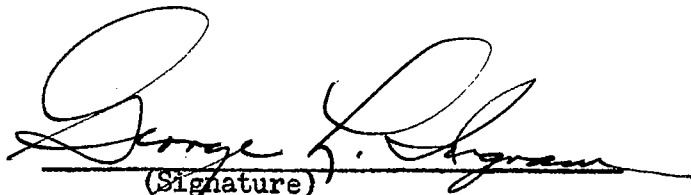
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4. What is your opinion of his character? MR PITTS

CHARACTER IS THE OF THE HIGHEST CALIBER


(Signature)

Member of the Executive Committee, Southeast Texas Chapter, A.I.A.

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15 November 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

The Southeast Texas Chapter of the Institute has nominated Llewellyn W. Pitts, A.I.A., for advancement to Fellowship in recognition of his achievements in design and public service.

I have known Mr. Pitts and of his fine work for almost twenty years. In design he has done outstanding buildings in the industrial field as well as buildings of monumental and institutional character. From personal observation and experience with him I know that his approach to planning involves unusually extensive research. He is meticulous in gathering facts, pertinent data and exploring all avenues of solution for the problem with an open mind. To this can be attributed a large measure of the success of his numerous fine designs. His buildings for the Coca Cola Company, Gulf Oil Corporation, The Texas Company and Shell Oil Company are outstanding examples. To this may be added Lamar College and the new State of Texas Office Building under construction.

In public service his record ranks with the most outstanding men in his community. He has demonstrated a dynamic interest in all public affairs, taking the lead in many civic endeavors through the years. Most outstanding is probably his direction of the United Fund appeals in Beaumont for 1954, which resulted in such brilliant success.

It is a privilege to join others in urging your favorable consideration of Mr. Pitts for elevation to Fellowship in the A.I.A.

Yours respectfully,

Louis F. Southerland
Louis F. Southerland, F.A.I.A.

LFS:jm

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NOVEMBER 18, 1957

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

GENTLEMEN:

I AM INFORMED THAT MR. L. W. PITTS HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS FOR ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP. BASED UPON HIS SUPERIOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND HIS RECORD OF PUBLIC SERVICE, IT IS MY HOPE THAT HE WILL BE GIVEN THE HONOR HE SO RICHLY DESERVES.

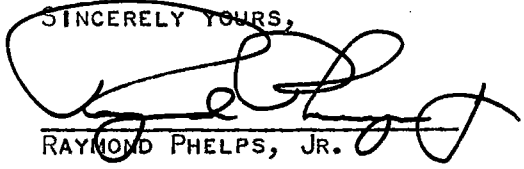
FROM HIS STUDENT DAYS TO THE PRESENT TIME, MR. PITTS HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR HIS EXCELLENCE IN ARCHITECTURE. AMONG THE AWARDS HE HAS RECEIVED ARE: THE A.I.A. STUDENT MEDAL IN 1927, "FIRST HONOR AWARD" FROM THE A.I.A. IN 1951, "MERITORIOUS DESIGN PLAQUE" FROM THE T.S.A. IN 1950, AND AN "EXHIBIT OF DISTINGUISHED CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN BUILDINGS" WHICH TOURED EUROPE BY SELECTION AND SPONSORSHIP OF THE U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT IN 1952.

MORE RECENT HONORS INCLUDE THE "MEDAL OF HONOR" OF THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE A.I.A. IN 1955, SELECTION OF HIS "COMB'S HALL" DORMITORY AS COVER PROJECT FOR THE TEXAS ARCHITECT IN 1955, AND THE CIRCULATION OF HIS "A HALF CENTURY OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION" BY THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE.

IN ADDITION TO HIS MANY AWARDS FOR ARCHITECTURAL ACHIEVEMENT, MR. PITTS HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN UNITED APPEALS CAMPAIGNS, IN THE BEAUMONT ROTARY CLUB IN THE BEAUMONT PLANNING COMMISSION, AND IN NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES OF THE TEXAS SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS.

I BELIEVE HIS RECORD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

SINCERELY YOURS,


RAYMOND PHELPS, JR.

PJR/DF

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November 25th, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Reference: Fellowship Candidates:
L. W. Pitts
Harry D. Payne
Albert S. Golemon

Gentlemen:

In the past it has been my privilege to write letters in behalf of a number of very fine architects from the Texas Region who have been nominated for Fellowship in the Institute. When several outstanding men that you feel are in the very top category are being proposed it is difficult, in separate letters, to keep from being more or less repetitive and to actually convey to the Jury the high qualities that each man possesses. I believe that I can best convey my recommendations in the case of three men in the Texas Region now being considered for Fellowship by making this a joint letter in behalf of all three. They are: Albert S. Golemon, Houston Chapter; L. W. Pitts, Southeast Texas Chapter; and Harry D. Payne, Houston Chapter.

Of all of the men who have been nominated to Fellowship from this Region it is my sincere opinion that none can more nearly fulfill the role of what, to me, Fellowship in the Institute represents than each of these three men. They are the type of men that give our profession its dignity, its personality, its vigor, and its respect. These men, to my personal knowledge, have been contributing to the cause of architecture for many years. From the day I first saw Harry Payne preside at a Texas Society of Architects' meeting, at least fifteen years ago, I have been thoroughly impressed with the greatness of this man. He is a man of great modesty but great effectiveness and a continual worker for architectural programs and ideals.

L. W. Pitts is a man of great energy, personality and zeal for our profession. He has unselfishly carried the story of architecture across the southland, making friends and boosters for good architecture

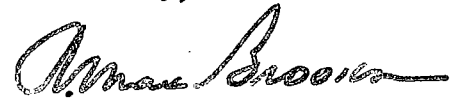
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everywhere. By his untiring efforts he has, in his areas of activity, greatly increased public respect for architects and created a much greater understanding by the public of the importance of architects in our economy. His record for well studied, well planned and finely designed buildings is most outstanding.

The name of Albert Golemon to me, and I am sure to many other architects, is synonymous with "Mr. Architect" in Texas. Albert Golemon has been this Region's guiding light for many years and he has been identified, I believe, more than any one person in Texas with the great advancement of our profession in Texas. No man could be more the symbol of Fellowship than Albert Golemon.

I trust that this method of passing on my thoughts will be acceptable to the Jury of Fellows. These three men are so outstanding in my book that I felt that if I tried to write separate letters, I would not get over the message that I feel they each deserve, and by writing separate letters, I might tend to detract one from the other.

Sincerely,



R. Max Brooks, F.A.I.A.

RMB:rb

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November 26, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It has been my pleasure to know L. W. (Skeet) Pitts, of Beaumont, Texas, for the past 28 years, during which time I have associated with him as architects on several building commissions. I am very happy to learn that he has been nominated by the Southeast Texas Chapter, A.I.A., for Fellowship in the Institute for his achievement in Design and Public Service. I therefore wish to add my recommendation that he be so honored.

I have always admired Skeet as a designer and have felt that he is unusually talented in this direction. His design ability was first made known at Georgia Tech where he received the student medal for excellence in architecture, in 1927. Shortly after he graduated he came to Beaumont where we worked together on the design of the Beaumont Post Office and Federal Building, and the First National Bank building. I learned then that he was an exceptional planner and had a good feeling for aesthetics in architectural design. Probably his best known recent work is the Coca Cola Bottling Plant in Houston, Texas. This building received a First Honor Award by the A.I.A., in 1951, and an Award of Merit by the T.S.A., in 1950.

The many buildings done by Stone & Pitts (now practicing under the firm name of Pitts, Mebane & Phelps) have been well designed and a number of them with distinction.

Skeet, during his professional career, has been very active in public affairs. He is presently serving as the President of the Beaumont Downtown Rotary Club, has served as President of the Beaumont Country Club, the Beaumont Round Table Club, and has been active for a number of years in the United Appeals fund raising campaign. In 1954, he served as General Chairman of this campaign and devoted quite a bit of time toward reaching their goal, which he did successfully. His work in

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Re: L. W. Pitts
November 26, 1957

this field has been cited editorially by the newspapers, the agency board, etc.

Knowing Skeet as well as I do I am certain he will bring honor and prestige to the College of Fellows.

Sincerely yours,



Albert S. Golemon

ASG:jo

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DECEMBER 11, 1957

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

GENTLEMEN:

THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS HAS NOMINATED FOR ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP MR. L. W. PITTS OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS. IT IS MY WISH TO ENDORSE THIS NOMINATION, BASED ON SUPERIOR QUALITY OF ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND PUBLIC SERVICE.

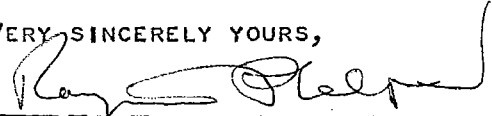
ONE EXAMPLE OF MR. PITTS' EXCELLENCE IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN IS HIS REVOLUTIONARY PLAN FOR THE COCA-COLA BOTTLING INDUSTRY, WHICH ELIMINATED ONE HANDLING OF FULL BOTTLES AND ONE HANDLING OF EMPTY BOTTLES, RESULTING IN ENORMOUS SAVINGS FOR HIS CLIENT. HIS SCHEME WAS DUPLICATED IN MAJOR PLANTS AT HOUSTON TEXAS, DENVER COLORADO, OMAHA NEBRASKA AND JACKSON MISSISSIPPI. ALTOGETHER, MR. PITTS DESIGNED 17 COCA-COLA BOTTLING PROJECTS, WHICH WERE CONSTRUCTED IN SEVEN STATES. THE LARGEST, HIS DESIGN FOR THE HOUSTON COCA-COLA BOTTLING PLANT, WON THE FIRST HONOR AWARD OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, THE MERITORIOUS DESIGN PLAQUE OF THE TEXAS SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS, AND TOURED EUROPE IN AN EXHIBIT OF DISTINGUISHED CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN BUILDINGS BY SELECTION AND SPONSORSHIP OF THE U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT.

ALTHOUGH MR. PITTS' ARCHITECTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS ARE BY NO MEANS LIMITED TO THOSE IN CONNECTION WITH THE COCA-COLA BOTTLING INDUSTRY, THIS EXAMPLE IS CITED AS AN INDICATION OF THE SUPERIOR QUALITY OF HIS WORK.

MR. PITTS HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN RAISING OPERATING FUNDS FOR CHARITABLE, HEALTH, CHARACTER-BUILDING, HOME SERVICE AND EMERGENCY AGENCIES IN HIS COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS. ONE EXAMPLE OF HIS SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN PUBLIC SERVICE IS HIS WORK AS GENERAL CHAIRMAN OF THE ENTIRE UNITED APPEALS CAMPAIGN. IN ONE YEAR, HE RAISED \$552,000 (BEING 103% OF HIS GOAL) IN A CITY OF ONLY 100,000 POPULATION, A VICTORY WHICH WAS LAUDED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BY NUMEROUS AGENCY BOARDS, AND BY THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

THIS, TOO, IS TYPICAL OF THE RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED IN ANY PROJECT TO WHICH MR. PITTS LENDS HIS EFFORTS. HE IS, IN MY OPINION, WELL QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP.

VERY SINCERELY YOURS,


RAYMOND PHELPS

Eugene Werlin
C. H. Kiefner, Associate
Architects
3501 Buffalo Drive
Houston 6, Texas

December 13, 1957

Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Southeast Texas Chapter has nominated L. W. Pitts for advancement to Fellowship.

The quality of his design is known and admired by the profession as a whole. His practice has lent distinction to architecture and its appreciation by professional and laymen alike.

Equally outstanding has been his public service which too often the busy professional man disregards.

The award of a Fellowship to "Skeet" Pitts will be an honor he deserves and which his professional associates feel he richly merits.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene Werlin
Eugene Werlin

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PATRICK RAND, N. S. P. E.

December 16, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have been informed that L. W. Pitts of the Southeast Texas Chapter, A. I. A., has been nominated for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute on the basis of Design and Public Service.

"Skeet" Pitts has carved a distinguished niche into the design achievements of Texas architecture by his exceptional talent. His Houston Coca-Cola Bottling Company Plant won First Honor Award A. I. A., 1951, Meritorious Design Award T. S. A., 1950, and is generally recognized by professionals and laymen alike as an outstanding development in industrial design. The work he has done at Lamar State College of Technology in Beaumont is creative and inspiring to me, and has received recognition by his chapter and his Alma Mater, (Georgia Tech) for exhibition in Europe.

The record of Skeet's contribution to his community in Public Service, and his work in professional service is included in his exhibit and need not be repeated in this letter.

I would strongly recommend to the jury that this outstanding architect of the Southeast Texas Chapter, and the Texas Region, be advanced to Fellowship in The Institute.

Sincerely,



Edwin W. Carroll

C/fa

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December 31, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I have learned that Llewellyn (Skeet) Pitts of Beaumont, Texas, has been nominated for Fellowship in the A.I.A. by the Southeast Texas Chapter.

I have known Skeet Pitts since 1925 when we were both students at Georgia Tech. In school Skeet established an enviable scholastic record and was highly regarded by his fellow students. His deep interest in Architecture was very evident, and his diligent attention to studies was an inspiration to those around him.

I first learned through several well-known civic and business leaders in Beaumont of Skeet's hard-working contributions to his community through his service as General Chairman of the United Appeals in 1954, as President of the Downtown Beaumont Rotary Club, and in other local civic capacities. From the expressions I have heard in Beaumont, I conclude that Skeet has set a very high standard in community service which has been a credit to the profession.

While I have not had the privilege of viewing first hand very many of the buildings which have been designed by Skeet's firm, I have been very favorably impressed with the quality, sincerity, and thoroughness of approach which is characteristic of the ones I have seen. The Coca-Cola bottling plant in Houston is in my opinion an outstandingly clean-cut and attractive building of its type. The student dormitories at Lamar State College are pleasantly and efficiently related to climate and use. The Lamar State College campus as a whole is impressive in the relationship of various buildings, continuity of design and provision for expansion. I have had occasion to discuss with Skeet some of his work for Gulf Oil Corporation Laboratories and found a thoroughly dedicated approach to the problem.

GEORGE F. HARRELL
E. G. HAMILTON

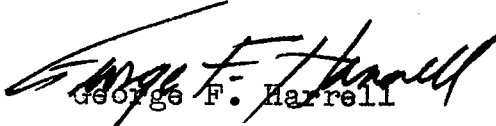
The Jury of Fellows

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December 31, 1957

While these comments could be considerably expanded, I believe that they briefly but definitely indicate that I consider Skeet Pitts thoroughly deserving of Fellowship in the Institute and wish to urge your favorable consideration of his nomination.

Sincerely yours,


George F. Harrell

GFH/aab

cc: Mr. Douglas E. Steinman, Jr.

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RICHARD C. HOYT, A.I.A.

December 31, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that Mr. Llewellyn William Pitts of the architectural and engineering firm of Pitts, Mebane and Phelps of Beaumont, Texas, has been nominated for advancement to Fellowship by the Southeast Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

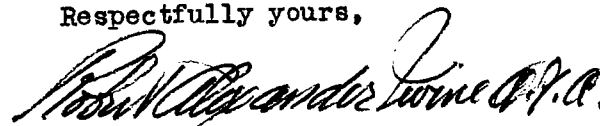
I have known Mr. Pitts since 1922 when he was attending Tech High School in Atlanta, Georgia, and working for an architectural firm in that city during his spare time. The ability of this young man to seize important facts and become an active, appreciated worker in this large company, was nothing short of amazing, and his record at the Georgia Institute of Technology was most outstanding, both as student and instructor, right up to the time he received his B. S. degree in Architecture.

Mr. Pitts came from Atlanta to Beaumont, Texas, to work in an architectural office that soon was "driven to the wall" due to the depression; but, with unlimited energy, ability, and excellent management, he took charge as a partner and developed this company into one of the best known in the entire Southwest.

To say that Mr. Pitts is an excellent architectural designer is putting it mildly. He comes as near understanding the entire profession as any man I have known or heard of in my forty years experience. The many fine buildings he has designed in Texas and several other states, have won for him, national and international honors.

I consider it a privilege, pleasure and duty, to endorse Mr. Pitts for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Respectfully yours,


Robert Alexander Irvine

RAI:fh

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James C. Wellborn, R.A., A.I.A.

January 14, 1958

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

This is in reference to the nomination of Mr. L.W. Pitts of Beaumont, Texas, for advancement to Fellowship on the basis of Architectural Design and Public Service, by the Southeast Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Having worked very closely with Mr. Pitts for a number of years while employed by his firm several years ago, I am quite familiar with his activities and achievements in the fields of Design and Public Service. It is with considerable pleasure that I endorse his nomination for advancement to Fellowship.

In my opinion, Mr. Pitts' ability in the Field of Design is well established by the many fine buildings located in several States designed by him, as well as the professional honors accorded several of these structures. Among these honors is the "First Honor Award" of the American Institute of Architects in 1951 for the Houston Coca Cola Bottling Plant, Houston, Texas.

Mr. Pitts' activities in the field of Public Service was well recognized throughout the Community during my years in Beaumont. He has been quite active in all phases of Community and Civic Service. In recent years, he has devoted considerable time and effort to the activities of the United Appeals Campaigns, the organization responsible for raising funds for the charitable, health, service and emergency agencies in the Community. In 1954, he was General Chairman of the entire United Appeals Campaign, which was highly successful.

In recognition of his activities and achievements in the Fields of Design and Public Service, I strongly endorse the nomination of Mr. L.W. Pitts for advancement to Fellowship, and highly recommend him for the consideration of the Jury.

Sincerely,

James C. Wellborn

James C. Wellborn

JCW/rh

CLARK AND POOLE
ARCHITECTS



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January 16, 1958

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I wish to endorse the nomination of L. W. Pitts, member of the Southeast Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, for advancement to Fellowship.

The nomination is based upon superior quality of Architectural Design and Public Service.

I have admired the work of Mr. Pitts since I was old enough to be aware of architecture in my home town of Beaumont, Texas.

Mr. Pitts was my employer from 1946 to 1950. During that period I was deeply impressed by his analytical approach to design. In my opinion he has made a substantial contribution to the profession of architecture and is deserving of a Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of J. Franklin Clark, Jr.
J. Franklin Clark, Jr.

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January 16, 1958

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In further support of Mr. L. W. Pitts nomination for Fellowship by the Southeast Texas Chapter American Institute of Architects, I believe that the Jury of Fellows would be interested in a recent honor which he has received.

On January 14th the Building Commission of the State of Texas, consisting of the Governor, the Attorney General and the Chairman of the State Board of Control, named L. W. Pitts as a member of the Architectural Advisory Committee in planning for future construction of buildings by the State in the Capitol area at Austin. The group of six practicing architects and three heads of architectural schools will act as an honorary planning commission.

I am enclosing herewith a newspaper account which further explains the appointment and names the other men who were appointed.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,


MIKE MEBANE, A. I. A.

MM/la
Encl.

L. W. Pitts Is Named To State Post

L. W. Pitts of the local architectural firm of Pitts, Mebane and Phelps, has been named a member of an architectural advisory committee to guide the State Building Commission in planning for the future construction of buildings by the state in the capitol area at Austin.

The group of six practicing architects and three heads of architectural schools named by Gov. Price Daniel will act as an honorary planning commission to aid in development of a master plan for the construction of a number of new buildings in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF Mr. Pitt's appointment came from Austin Tuesday. Other architects named are R. Max Brooks, Charles Granger and H. E. Jessen, all of Austin, George Dahl of Dallas and Carlton Adams of San Antonio.

Completing the committee are Philip Greer, dean of the School of Architecture of the University of Texas; Charles Holloman, dean of architecture at Texas A. and M.; and Nolan Bartick, who holds a similar post at Texas Tech.

THE STATE building Commission to which the new architectural committee will give its

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assistance and guidance, is composed of the governor, the attorney general and the chairman of the State Board of Control.

The long-range master plan calls for the completion of a building program already being developed, whereby Congress Avenue will be closed north of the Capitol and a 250-foot wide mall similar to the one in Washington, D. C., will be laid out. The new buildings planned for future construction will face the mall, with the construction to extend north toward the University of Texas.

TWO NEW buildings are now under construction, a new State Office Building and a Supreme Court Building, both in granite to match the Capitol Building.

Mr. Pitts' firm is one of those which designed the State Office Building and also is one of the firms now designing the new Texas Employment Commission Building in the capital, the third new structure in the family group of buildings. A new Archives Building will be the fourth in the group.

APPOINTMENT OF the architectural advisory committee is being made at this time by the governor in order that all future construction will conform to the overall master plan.

The new committee will, among other duties, advise the building commission on arrangement of the entire master plan for the Capitol area, the placement of buildings, overall problems such as what buildings are needed, long-range planning, and detailed problems, such as parking.

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January 20, 1958

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The Southeast Texas Chapter of the Institute has nominated L. W. (Skeet) Pitts for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute. It is my good fortune to write in his behalf, asking that every consideration be given his qualifications; particularly the contributions he has made to the advancement of architectural design and public service.

It has been my privilege to have knowed and worked with "Skeet" since 1949. My respect for his ability as an architect has grown through the years. He is a man endowed with many superior abilities in the field of design, executive organization and leadership.

The work of "Skeet" and his firm covers almost every type of architectural endeavor which includes industrial buildings, office buildings, laboratories, churches, schools, banks and recreational buildings; all distinguished for their careful planning, excellant feeling of design, tasteful use of material texture and a fine sense of detail. These observations are substantiated by the many awards with which the firm has been commended.

One of "Skeet's" most valuable assets is his extraordinary analytical ability which is evidenced in such projects as the Coca-Cola bottling plants, oil laboratories and material handling centers designed by his firm. The success of his conception of a revolutionary Drive-Thru type of Coca-Cola bottling plant is reflected in the 17 bottling plants that he has designed. The largest of these bottling plants, which is the Houston Coca-Cola Bottling Plant, received the "First Honor Award" of the American Institute of Architects,

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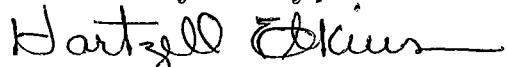
"Meritorious Design Plaque" of the Texas Society of Architects and was selected for the "Exhibit of Distinguished Contemporary American Buildings", which toured Europe. His extensive research in the field of Testing And Analytical Laboratories resulted in the development of several advances in this field; such as automatic conveying and vertical storage of petroleum samples as well as determining the minimum safe face velocities for fume hoods handling toxic gases in air conditioned laboratories. These developments were successfully incorporated in laboratories for the Gulf Oil Corporation, Port Author, Texas; the Texas Company, Port Author, Texas; Shell Oil Company, Norco, La. and International Lubricant Corporation, New Orleans, La.

Of particular interest is the many fine examples of college and school programs designed by "Skeet". Notable are the master plans of Centenary College in Shreveport, La. and Lamar State College in Beaumont, Texas. The building program at Lamar State College is remarkable in that, the same Architects have been able to develop the master plan from its conception in 1941, as a junior college, to its present status as a senior college. One of the recently completed building on the campus is "Combs Hall" which was awarded the "Metal of Honor" by the Southeast Texas Chapter, A.I.A., was selected as a "Cover Project" for the Texas Society of Architects Magazine and was selected for exhibits by Georgia Tech and the U. S. Department of Commerce.

"Skeet's" contributions to his community, other than in the field of architecture, is commendable. He has devoted considerable time and effort to the United Appeals, the Rotary Club, Neches River Festival and has been technical advisor to the City of Beaumont Planning Commission.

The foregoing is but a brief and incomplete resume of "Skeet's" many professional and public achievements. I hearty commend his qualifications for the advancement to Fellow in the Institute.

Yours very truly,


Hartzell Elkins

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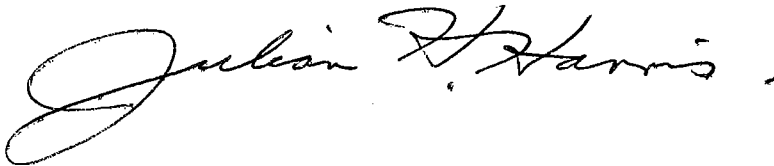
The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure for me to write and endorse the advancement of Llewellyn William (Skeet) Pitts to Fellowship in the Institute. We were school mates in the School of Architecture at Georgia Institute of Technology. His scholastic record and his design ability were recognized and awarded during his student days.

We, his friends, have followed his successful practice with great pride. Although his architectural designs have received awards, I would stress his many activities on behalf of the Institute and Public Service. One of the weaknesses of our profession - at least in our section - is the architect's failure to take responsible leadership in our local and state civic affairs. The information you have proves that "Skeet" is a glaring exception. What he has done in Public Service is an example of the type of Public Relations the profession badly needs.

Sincerely submitted,



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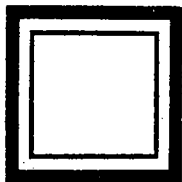
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AIR MAIL

22 JANUARY 1958

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

RE: L. W. PITTS
NOMINATION TO FELLOWSHIP

GENTLEMEN:

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT "SKEET" PITTS HAS BEEN
NOMINATED FOR FELLOWSHIP FOR DESIGN AND PUBLIC
SERVICE BY THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER.

I HAVE PERSONALLY KNOWN "SKEET" FOR MANY YEARS AND HAVE
SEEN OUTSTANDING DESIGNS THAT HE HAS EXECUTED THROUGH-
OUT THE SOUTHWEST. HIS PUBLIC SERVICE IS WELL KNOWN
IN EAST TEXAS WHERE HIS ABILITY TO "GET THINGS DONE"
HAS AUTOMATICALLY MADE HIM CHAIRMAN OF VARIOUS
COMMITTEES.

I HEARTILY ENDORSE HIS NOMINATION AND URGE HIS FAVORABLE
CONSIDERATION.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

F. J. MACKIE, JR., F.A.I.A.

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January 23, 1958

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I wish to endorse the action of the Southeast Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in nominating Llewellyn William Pitts for advancement to fellowship.

It has been my pleasure to know Mr. Pitts since he began his practice here in Beaumont in 1934. His work has consistently demonstrated an excellence which has served as a source of inspiration to the other practitioners in the area. I had the opportunity to observe at first hand the application of his excellent training and unusual talent in the planning of the Beaumont Post Office and Federal Building and the First National Bank Building of Beaumont, on both of which jobs our firms were associated.

The most outstanding of his recent works are the Coca Cola Bottling Plant at Houston, Texas, which was awarded the first honor award of the A.I.A. in 1951 and the Award of Merit by the T.S.A. in 1950; the Men's Dormitory for Lamar State College of Technology, Beaumont, which was awarded the Medal of Honor of the Southeast Texas Chapter, A.I.A. in 1955, and which was selected for the cover project of the Texas Architect Magazine; his Master Plan for Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana; and the laboratories for the Gulf Oil Corporation of Port Arthur, Texas. The excellence of the planning and design which he put into these projects is attested to by the practical success of the projects themselves.

Skeet, as he is known by his many friends, has taken time out from his very busy professional life to serve on community projects whenever he has been asked. The most notable of his assignments in these activities were General Chairmanship of the United Appeals Campaign, President of the Beaumont Rotary Club, President of the Round Table Club, and President of the Beaumont Country Club.

January 23, 1958

I feel that Mr. Pitts deserves the honor for which he is being considered and that to accord him this honor will bring credit to the profession. I urge you to approve his nomination to fellowship.

Yours very truly,

DOUGLAS E. STEINMAN
ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS

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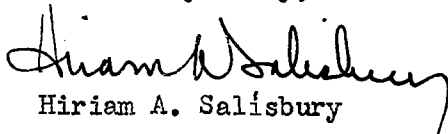
Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to second the nomination of L. W. Pitts of the Southeast Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute for design and service to the Institute.

I have known Mr. Pitts for more than twelve years, and was associated with his firm (Stone and Pitts) on war housing at Orange, Texas. I am sure that I do not need to emphasize Mr. Pitts design accomplishments. His exhibits will be the best evidence of his outstanding work in the field of design. In addition to these accomplishments, he has served his Chapter, the Texas Society and his community. Having been active in United Fund appeals in 1952, 1953, 1954, an officer in many civic clubs, a member of the City Planning Commission of the city of Beaumont, an officer and committee worker in the Houston Chapter and the Texas Society of Architects. He has been the secretary of the Southeast Texas Chapter of the Institute and is currently the Vice President elect of this chapter. He richly deserves advancement to Fellowship for superior quality of Architectural Design and for Public Service.

Yours very truly,


Hiriam A. Salisbury

HAS:vc

cc: Douglas E. Steinman, A.I.A.
L. W. Pitts, A.I.A.

DOUGLAS E. STEINMAN
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January 24, 1958

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Southeast Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has nominated Llewellyn William (Skeet) Pitts for advancement to fellowship, on the bases of design and community service. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I add my personal endorsement to this action by our Chapter.

I have known Mr. Pitts for over twenty years and I can say without hesitation that he is outstanding among the men in the profession. The details of his training and the commendations of his work you have before you in his biographical data. From my personal association with him on architectural projects and community works, I can say that he injects into these undertakings a spirited application of his talent and efforts that bring credit to the entire profession.

Skeet is most deserving of this recognition and I urge the Jury to give favorable consideration to his cause.

Sincerely yours,


Douglas E. Steinman, Jr.

DSJR/mk

J. EARLE NEFF
ARCHITECT



LES A. BRAUN
LEE F. MOORE
ASSOCIATE
ARCHITECTS

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon, 1735 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It has been called to my attention that Llewellyn W. Pitts of Beaumont, Texas, has been nominated by the Executive Committee of Southeast Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects for advancement to Fellowship.

Having known Mr. Pitts for over twenty years, I am well acquainted with his work and his civic activities; and I heartily endorse this nomination.

He and his firm have designed some outstanding projects in this community, including large laboratories for the Gulf Oil Corporation and the Texas Company, both in Port Arthur, Texas. They did extensive research work in the field of Testing and Analytical laboratories and developed several advances in this field which were incorporated in these laboratories with fine success. They also designed a warehouse building covering 330,000 square feet for the Gulf Oil Corporation in Port Arthur, with facilities for assembling, storage and shipping of packaged products. Incorporated in this project were facilities for marine and railroad operations. Special equipment for handling these products was designed by his firm. This endeavor has resulted in tremendous labor savings for the client.

He and his firm have designed numerous buildings for Lamar State College of Technology at Beaumont, Texas, one of which was awarded "The Medal of Honor", Southeast Texas Chapter, A.I.A., 1955. Mr. Pitts also designed the original Master Plan for future development of the College.

Mr. Pitts has been very active in Civic work in his community, having served as President of the Beaumont Round Table Club in 1952, President of the Beaumont Country Club in 1953-54

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American Institute of Architects

January 25, 1958

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and President of the Downtown Rotary Club in 1956-57 and General Chairman of the United Appeals Campaign in raising operating funds for their charitable, health, home service and emergency agencies in 1954.

His activities in the Texas Society of Architects have been as follows:

Director - Houston Chapter to T.S.A. before Southeast Texas Chapter formed.

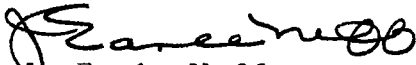
Member - T.S.A. Legislative Committee

Secretary - Southeast Texas Chapter A.I.A.

Vice President - Southeast Texas Chapter A.I.A., 1958

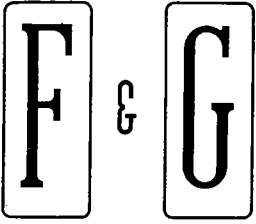
I sincerely recommend Mr. Pitts for advancement to fellowship for his achievements in "Architectural Design" and "Public Service." It is my hope that the Jury of Fellows will agree with this recommendation.

Sincerely yours,



J. Earle Neff

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CHARLES GRANGER A.I.A.
HERBERT CRUME
LANKFORD GRIFFIN A.I.A.
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ARCHITECTS
AND PLANNING
CONSULTANTS

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that Mr. L. W. Pitts has been nominated by the Southeast Texas Chapter for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

The service of Mr. Pitts to the profession through his tireless efforts on many committees and his contributions through the quality of his design is well known to all the architects in Texas.

It is a pleasure to second the nomination of Mr. L. W. Pitts and recommend his advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Cordially,

Charles Granger

CG/bg

27 January 1958

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January 27, 1958

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W. RALPH MERRILL, A.I.A.

ROBERT O. JAMESON
M. AM. SOC. C. E.

DELBERT C. WESTFALL, A. I. A.

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that one of the younger A.I.A. chapters in Texas has put forward one of its illustrious members as a candidate for elevation to Fellow. I have reference to Llewellyn William Pitts of the firm of Pitts, Mebane and Phelps, Beaumont, Texas.

Skeet, as he is known to his friends, has practiced in the Beaumont area for several years and has become known for the distinctive quality of his architecture. Much of his work has been in the industrial field, having planned buildings for the Coca Cola Company and the oil industry.

The Houston Coca Cola Bottling Plant was given "First Honor Award", A.I.A. 1951; "Meritorious Design Placque", Texas Society of Architects 1950, and was included in an Exhibit of Distinguished Contemporary American Buildings which toured Europe in 1952 sponsored by the United States Department of State.

Beaumont is in the Gulf Coast area where there is much oil activity. Skeet's firm has designed for such oil giants as Gulf Oil Corporation, The Texas Company, Shell Oil Company, and International Lubricant Corporation. Some of these structures varied from the norm and required much resource and ingenuity. One of these was the material handling facilities and buildings for the Gulf Oil Refining Corporation at their Port Arthur, Texas, refinery. Packaged products from small containers of lighter fluid to 55 gallon steel drums are handled with ease and dispatch. Trains and barges are brought into the building where bridge cranes and fork lift trucks soon complete the loading.

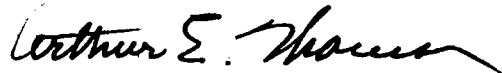
In addition to commissions in the heavy industries, his firm has designed buildings for Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, and Lamar State College, Beaumont, Texas. Lamar College began in 1951 as a Junior College and became a four-year state supported college in 1951, with enrollment at the present time of 5500.

THOMAS, JAMESON & MERRILL

Skeet designed Lamar College's original Master Plan, which has proven so successful that the College made him a member of the Lamar State College of Technology Citation Club. This award by the College is sparingly given and only to men who have rendered exceptional service to the school. One of his buildings for Lamar College received the "Medal of Honor" from the Southeast Texas Chapter, A.I.A., in 1955. His work was included in Georgia Institute of Technology's "A Half Century of Architectural Education" exhibit as one of the 75 projects by former students. This exhibit was circulated by the Smithsonian Institute.

I recommend to your consideration one whose qualifications merit attention and, I am reasonably certain, will compare favorably with other candidates.

Respectfully submitted,



Arthur E. Thomas

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ATLEE B. & ROBERT M. AYRES
ARCHITECTS

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

January 27, 1958

Air Mail

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing on behalf of L. W. Pitts for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

For some years I have known of the fine work that Mr. Pitts and his associates have produced over in East Texas, but in the past year, I have had the opportunity to know this gentleman more closely, as we have been associated with him on one of the State Building projects.

I feel that he has the qualifications and should be advanced to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours,


Robert M. Ayres, A.I.A.

RMA:pa

HEARTFIELD & WOODSIDE

ARCHITECTS

MEMBERS AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

SUITE 419 AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

BEAUMONT, TEXAS

28 January 1958

Re: L. W. Pitts
A.I.A. Fellowship

Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Ave., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

This Office, the firm of Heartfield and Woodside, wishes to endorse the nomination of L. W. Pitts of the firm of Pitts, Mebone and Phelps of Beaumont, Texas, for advancement to Fellowship.

You have in your possession the accomplishment of L. W. Pitts and the honors he has received for his outstanding work for both Architecture and for Civic activities. These honors we feel he richly deserves, but we would also like to make known some of the qualities of "Skeet" Pitts that we feel will go well with a Fellow of the American Institute of Architect.

During the past twenty-five years we have worked with Skeet on architectural projects, worshiped with him in church, attended social functions together and visited in his home. We feel that his moral character is above reproach, that he is a devout Christian and is a devoted husband and father. These attributes in addition to his outstanding ability as an Architect and the excellent civic services he has performed, further qualifies L. W. "Skeet" Pitts for the title of Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,

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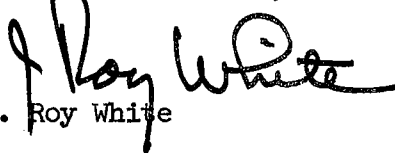
Gentlemen:

The nomination of L. W. Pitts for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects has been called to my attention. It is my sincere belief that the Southeast Texas Chapter has made a wise selection for this honor, and I would like to add my whole-hearted support to this nomination.

It has been my pleasure to have known Mr. Pitts for several years and to have been closely associated with him in connection with two of our current projects. A more sincere and zealous worker in the profession of Architecture would be hard to find. His untiring devotion to the profession has extended not only to the business of practicing Architecture, but also to the field of public relations. A review of his work indicates the broad scope of his excellence in design and in the furtherance of the cause of Architecture.

With most sincerity I am happy to commend Mr. Pitts to The Jury of Fellows.

Respectfully yours,


J. Roy White

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Gentlemen:

Mr. L. W. Pitts, has been nominated by his Chapter for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute. It is with great pleasure and with a feeling of signal honor that I endorse this nomination.

You have already received complete information on the educational and technical background of the nominee. I wish to provide additional information on Skeet's personal character and ability in the profession.

It has been my good fortune to be associated with "Skeet" Pitts (as he is best known to his friends) on several architectural projects of definite importance. Through working closely with him over extended periods, I have been greatly impressed with Skeet's moral and professional integrity, with his driving desire to solve each client's problems to the best of his ability, and with his confirmed resolve to work at all times for the betterment of the architectural profession. Skeet has exceptional talent as a designer and a thorough knowledge of contemporary and historical architecture. His work has been recognized as being meritorious of awards, nationally and locally, but I believe the strongest commendation was received when one of his clients awarded him a placque for "meritorious service".

L. W. (Skeet) Pitts is well qualified for advancement to Fellowship and I urge the Jury of Fellows to accord him its most careful consideration.

Sincerely yours,


Howard R. Barr, A.I.A.

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Gentlemen:

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to endorse most sincerely the advancement of Llewellyn William Pitts to Fellowship.

I have been associated with Mr. Pitts for the past several years in the design of the State Office Building for the State of Texas, and the United States Embassy Office Building in Mexico City. His exceptional design ability clearly shows through in the fresh originality of these buildings. This is particularly true in the design of the Embassy building which has just been accepted with enthusiastic compliments and praise.

Mr. Pitts is a man of great stamina and drive. His untiring efforts are truly amazing, and through it all the honest and sincere person that he is endear him to all with whom he associates.

It is indeed a privilege to recommend the nomination of Mr. Pitts for Fellowship in the Institute.

Very truly yours,



Allwyn G. Gannaway, A.I.A.

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January 29, 1958

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Sirs:

I am advised that the Southeast Texas Chapter of the AIA has recommended Mr. L. W. Pitts for advancement to Fellowship. In support of this recommendation, I wish to submit the following information:

I have had the opportunity to be associated with the firm, of which Mr. Pitts, is a senior member, on several different projects; among them being the re-habilitation of an air force facility, new construction at an air force facility, a PHA low-cost Housing Project, and an elementary school project.

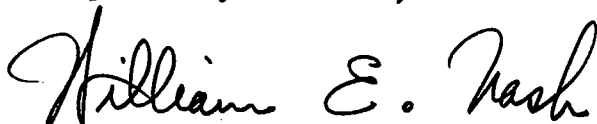
During the design and working drawing stage of each of these projects, I had the privilege of working quite closely with Mr. Pitts. Emphasis along the many steps toward a solution to each of these projects was given to finding the answer which would come the nearest to fulfilling the requirements set up by the Owner.

The experience of working with one who analyses and weighs all factors affecting the design of projects whether large or small in order to get the most benefits from the functions of that design is an experience which I will not forget and one which has added to my own knowledge.

This characteristic of not only being able to design a building which is recognized by the profession, but by the lay-public as well is, I feel, worthy of recognition. In all of his work that I have observed, it is obvious that function is always predominate in his thinking, and around that functional solution, he has the ability to place a form which is both pleasing and practical.

In addition to this outstanding ability in Architectural design, Mr. Pitts finds the means of devoting a good deal of his time to civic projects. It is my sincere hope that the Jury of Fellows will consider carefully all of the material submitted in support of Mr. Pitts' nomination, and will conclude that he is deserving of this higher honor that can be bestowed on him by this professional organization.

Respectfully submitted,



William E. Nash

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January 29, 1958

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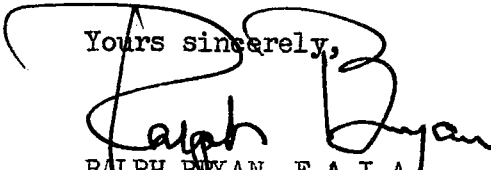
Gentlemen:

I understand that the Southeast Chapter of the A.I.A., through its Executive Committee, has nominated Skeet Pitts as a candidate for advancement to Fellowship.

Since I have known Skeet for some fifteen years, I am pleased to write this letter endorsing his candidacy and urging your favorable action thereon. You have, I am certain, a detailed record of his accomplishments in design and in public service, which I need not reiterate. However, I have had enough personal contact with Skeet, his work, his design philosophy, his firm, and his professional confreres to have a high regard for his ability as a designer and to know that his associates hold him in similar esteem. The most recent evidence of this was through my observation of his stimulating approach to the design of a major hospital about to be built in his city.

I feel he is entirely worthy of this proposed honor and will be a credit to the College of Fellows.

Yours sincerely,


RALPH BRYAN, F.A.I.A.
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Gentlemen:

I wish to endorse the action of the Executive Committee of the Southeast Texas Chapter, A.I.A. in nominating L. W. Pitts for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

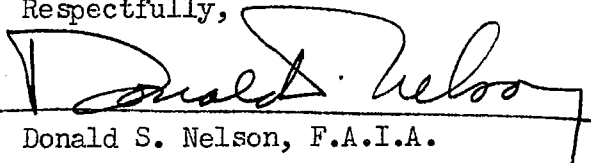
It is my understanding that he is being nominated for "Achievement in Design and Public Service." I wish to limit my comments to his achievement in design.

I have known "Skeet" Pitts for almost twenty years, however I first became acquainted with his work when he was in partnership with Mr. Stone under the firm name of Stone and Pitts. They had work for the Coca-Cola Company and we all heard of the success of their firm in this type of planning. I was fortunate enough to see one of these installations prior to the exhibition of the Houston Coca-Cola Bottling Plant for the 1950 Texas Society of Architects Awards Competition, for which I was the Texas Society Chairman. Needless to say, we all took personal satisfaction in finding that this design went forward to the honor awards show at national level in 1951 and received a "First Honor Award."

His firm has done equally skillful designing in industrial architecture though the firm has not confined their work to this field. I am confident that the exhibits of Skeet Pitts will adequately exhibit his "Achievements in Design."

I wish to wholeheartedly recommend the advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects of Llewellyn William Pitts.

Respectfully,


Donald S. Nelson, F.A.I.A.



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January 30, 1958

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Re: Nomination of
L. W. Pitts, A. I. A.

Gentlemen:

I heartily endorse the action of the Southeast Texas Chapter in nominating for Fellowship in the Institute their distinguished member, Llewellyn William Pitts.

I have known Mr. Pitts for the last ten years. I am aware of the outstanding work he has done in the design of industrial, processing and experimental buildings. His keen analysis of the owner's operations to be performed in such buildings and his design of such buildings to better the owner's operations within them has brought his firm recognition and reward and has been a forceful example of the value of architectural service in an industrial age.

His work in educational buildings and campus planning at Lamar State College in Beaumont, Texas is meritorious, being both very lovely and extremely sensible and most fitting to its surroundings, usage and purpose.

Respectfully,

Herbert M. Tatum, F. A. I. A.

HMT:fd

