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December 26, 1957

Mr. Merritt Harrison
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Indianapolis, Indiana

FACTUAL

Dear Mr. Harrison:

This letter is written pursuant to resolution of the Board of Directors of Perry Township at a regular meeting held November 1, 1957. The Board at that time directed that a letter of commendation be written to you.

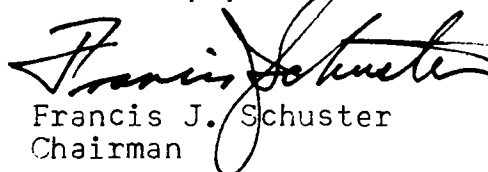
It is with a great deal of pleasure that the Board of Directors for the Perry Township School Building Corporation commend yourself and your organization for the excellent job you did in designing and guiding the construction of the three new Perry Township grade schools.

The Board has instructed me to inform you that if at any time you wish recommendations on any future projects and this letter is not sufficient, if you will contact any member of the Board of Directors, it will be forthcoming immediately.

The Board feels that the schools are not only beautiful and well designed, but that the efficiency of your office was responsible for getting this project completed at such an early date.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours


Francis J. Schuster
Chairman

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Mr. Merritt Harrison, A.I.A.
333 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Harrison:

We certainly wish to thank you for the splendid cooperation you gave us in working with the Venezuelan Architectural Exhibit and your very sound review of same. Not only was it a pleasure to meet you for the first time, but it was also an honor to work with the gentleman who designed our famous Coliseum.

Sincerely,

DON DAVIS,
Publicity Supervisor

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October 3, 1958

ROGER R. AICHHOLZ
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The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
Washington, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

I am informed by the Indianapolis Chapter that they have nominated Mr. Merritt Harrison for Fellowship in the Institute on the basis of public service and service to the Institute.

I am happy to recommend favorable consideration of the nomination. I have worked with Mr. Harrison since the early days of the expansion of the Institute membership and know that he has been one of the most active men in the State of Indiana in connection with everything that had to do with the Institute and his profession.

There was a time when the Indiana Chapter was not an effective chapter of the Institute and Merritt Harrison is one of the men that reorganized it.

I have also worked with Mr. Harrison over the years in our Regional Conferences and in matters which affected the architects of adjoining states, such as, Indiana and Ohio. I believe him deserving of Fellowship in the Institute on these grounds of public service and of service to the American Institute of Architects. I hope that you will create him a Fellow and believe that such an action is fully justified.

Yours very truly,

Charles F. Cellarius
Charles F. Cellarius

CFC:mh

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

September 30, 1958

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

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

I sincerely support the nomination of Merritt Harrison, of Indianapolis, a member of the Indiana Society, a Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, for advancement to Fellowship.

I have known Mr. Harrison for approximately 30 years and have worked with him on many Chapter activities and served with him for several years on the Indiana Registration and Examining Board and always found him fair and most conscientious.

In 1916, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Herbert Foltz, F.A.I.A., (Deceased), Mr. Robert Daggatt, F.A.I.A., (Deceased), and Mr. Walter Scholer, A.I.A., were successful in re-vitalizing the Indiana Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Also, in this same year, the Indiana Society of Architects was founded by Mr. Harrison, Mr. Herbert Foltz, F.A.I.A., and Mr. Donald Graham, (Deceased). Mr. Harrison served as secretary from 1917 through 1926, and President from 1926 through 1928 of the Society. Mr. Harrison worked diligently to unify the Indiana Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the Indiana Society, but this unification was opposed by a majority of the members of the Indiana Society.

Confronting much opposition against unification, Mr. Harrison continued to work with Mr. George C. Wright, F.A.I.A., Mr. Edward Pierre, F.A.I.A., and unification was finally accomplished largely through Mr. Harrison's membership on the National Unification Committee of the Institute.

After unification, the proper title of our Chapter became the "Indiana Society of Architects, a Chapter of the American Institute of Architects" and the chapter of membership was increased approximately four times due to the vigor of the younger men taken into the Society. In 1947, Mr. Harrison was elected president of the Chapter.

Continued: Letter to The Jury of Fellows
Re: Nomination of Merritt Harrison

9/30/1958

Mr. Harrison and the writer worked diligently to promote the Indiana Architectural Registration Act, which law went into effect October 1929. In the minds of his fellow architects, this one service would justify his nomination for Fellowship.

Mr. Harrison appeared before the 1931 San Antonio Convention and with the assistance of Mr. Robert Kohn, President of the American Institute of Architects, succeeded in getting a resolution passed to re-vitalize the Building Congress of the United States and served as chairman for three years. This organization, later, became the Construction League of the United States, of which Mr. Stephen Voorhees, F.A.I.A., was made president. Later, this Organization became the Construction Division of the Department of Commerce of the U. S. Government, which has been a working tool with Congress.

Among his more prominent architectural achievements are the Coliseum, at the State Fairgrounds, several State Armories and apartments in Indianapolis.

Mr. Harrison is a graduate of Cornell University and is held in high regard by all who know him for his inherent honesty, integrity, and untiring energy.

I firmly believe that Mr. Harrison deserves advancement to "Fellowship" in the Institute for services rendered the profession and the Institute over the many past years.

Respectfully yours,



Warren D. Miller, F.A.I.A.

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WILLIAM STANLEY PARKER, F.A.I.A.

Architect-Consultant on Public Works Programming

120 BOYLSTON STREET

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October 3, 1958

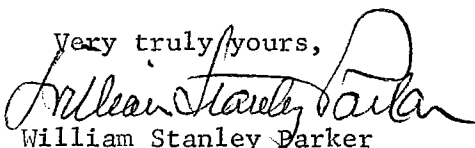
The Jury of Fellows
1735 New York Ave. N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I understand that the name of Merritt Harrison is being submitted for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

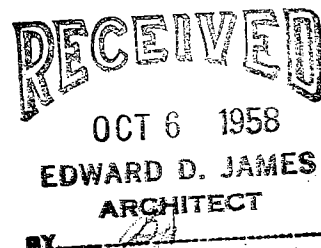
I wish to state my belief that his well known long service to the profession and the public warrants such advancement and trust that favorable action will be taken on this proposal.

Very truly yours,



William Stanley Parker

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October 6, 1958

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

RE: Merritt Harrison

Gentlemen:

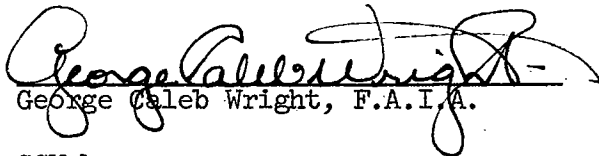
I am pleased to catalogue those activities of Mr. Merritt Harrison which justify his elevation to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, for service to the Institute and public service. These are activities known to me.

1. Although he associated with other architects in re-organizing the Indiana Chapter after its absorption by the Chicago, he was the prime person in bringing this about.
2. He was one of the organizers of the Indiana Society of Architects.
3. Eventually the two organizations were joined in the present Chapter and Mr. Harrison was instrumental in bringing this about.
4. He served as secretary of the Indiana Society for many years during its infancy and as its president 1926-1928.
5. He was president of the Indiana Society of Architects a Chapter of The A.I.A. for 1947.
6. He was one of the three or four architects who devoted themselves tirelessly to the Indiana Architects Registration Act.
7. He has served on the Board of Registration for several years and was its Chairman from 1952 to 1953.

GEORGE CALEB WRIGHT, F.A.I.A. • ALFRED J. PORTEOUS, A.I.A. • WM. CALEB WRIGHT, A.I.A. • ROBERT C. SMITH, A.I.A.

8. He always had a clear understanding of the need for a United Building Industry. He was the prime mover in organizing the Indiana Building Congress. This has been a model for such organizations. He carried this theme into national concerns which resulted in approval of the Building Congress of the United States by the 1931 Convention. He served as Chairman of its organizing committee for three years. This organization was the forerunner of the Construction Division of the Department of Commerce.

Sincerely yours,



George Caleb Wright, F.A.I.A.

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A S S O C I A T E

October 6, 1958

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

FACTUAL ✓

Dear Jury of Fellows:

It gives me pleasure to address you concerning Mr. Merritt Harrison, whom I consider worthy to be advanced to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

Our acquaintance began when he and I were appointed on a committee at the Institute Convention held at San Antonio, Texas in April 1931. We met almost yearly for several years thereafter in like committee work.

In those years, he was prominent among the leading architects, those who had much to do with shaping the policy of the Institute with the various State Associations of Architects and unaffiliated groups of architects throughout the United States.

I believe that his advancement to Fellowship is much overdue. He is capable, has been a staunch member of the Institute, his professional record is outstanding, and I heartily commend him for your thoughtful consideration as one being worthy for advancement.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Orr

Robert H. Orr

RHO:mb

Office of HORACE W. PEASLEE Architect

Fellow of The American Institute of Architects
Consultant on Planning of Building and Grounds

Frank W. Cole, A.I.A.
Associate Architect

7 October, 1958

1228 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 6, D.C.

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

FACTUAL

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Gentlemen:

I am glad to endorse the nomination of Merritt Harrison of Indianapolis for Institute Fellowship. I have known Mr. Harrison for forty-odd years and have followed his career with interest and appreciation. Quite aside from the volume and quality of his executed work, he has exerted a powerful influence for the good of the Institute in his state -- welding the remnants of a disorganized profession, stabilizing the practice of architecture, and extending the Building Congress Movement. The recognition of Fellowship is really long past due in his case.

Respectfully submitted,



Horace W. Peaslee, F.A.I.A.

HWP: so'c

STEPHEN FRANCIS VOORHEES
101 PARK AVENUE • NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

October 7, 1958

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

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

It gives me much pleasure to endorse the nomination of Mr. Merritt Harrison as a Fellow of the A.I.A. I have known him for many years. I worked with him in the organization of the Construction League of Indianapolis, and later he was responsible for the League becoming a part of the National Construction Congress.

It is my belief that he is entitled to Fellowship.

Yours truly





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HENRY F. SCHRICKER
PRESIDENT

October 7, 1958

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

FACTUAL ✓

Gentlemen:

It gives me a great deal of personal pride and satisfaction to recommend Mr. Merritt Harrison of Indianapolis to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Harrison is held in high esteem as a citizen and architect of our beloved State, and his record as a professional man has endeared him to all of our people.

I came in close contact with his professional ability during my twelve years of public service. First, as Lieutenant-Governor and Commissioner of Agriculture of Indiana, I had a part in securing his services in the construction of a new Coliseum on our State Fairgrounds.

This is one of the finest structures of its kind in the Middle West and it was completed in record-breaking time. Mr. Harrison personally supervised the erection of this magnificent building and I met him on location almost every day. To the best of my knowledge, no one in Indiana had ever before drawn the specifications for such an auditorium, and the credit for its success must rightfully go to Mr. Harrison.

Some years later, as Governor of Indiana, I had a number of opportunities to come into contact with Mr. Harrison's professional qualities. He worked diligently for the Bill setting up the Architects Registration Law in Indiana and later he gave many years of valuable service as a member of the State Board created under this Act. The work of his firm was respected in all circles and he was never known to neglect or to betray a trust. His judgment was always sound and his decisions were always fair to both the contractor and the builder. I have enjoyed working with him on a number of projects in our State. For these reasons and perhaps many others not here enumerated, I am proud to recommend him for this high honor.

Respectfully yours,

Henry F. Schricker
Henry F. Schricker

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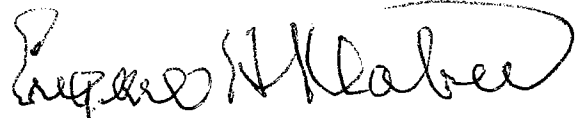
Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am informed that the Indiana Chapter is proposing Mr. Merritt Harrison for Fellowship on the grounds of public service and service to the Institute.

I have known-Mr. Harrison for over twenty-five years and consider him to be a man of high professional integrity. His continued efforts in the organization of the architects of Indiana, his promotion of their professional prestige and his efforts in the interests of the entire building industry, fully warrant his election in recognition of the services he has performed. I urge you to approve this nomination.

Very truly yours,



Eugene H. Klaber

DORSTE & PANTAZI

A R C H I T E C T S

8 October 1958

F A C T U A L

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

Gentlemen:

This letter shall serve as an endorsement for the nomination of Mr. Merrit Harrison for fellowship in the category - public service and service to the Institute.

Starting in 1916, Mr. Harrison has taken vital part in the following successful activities in this State.

1. With others a successful effort was made to revitalize the Indiana Chapter of A.I.A., and the Indiana Society of Architects, a separate organization, was founded.
2. Mr. Harrison, with others was successful in unifying the Indiana Society of Architects and the Indiana Chapter into one vigorous organization, a chapter of the American Institute of Architects with Mr. Harrison as president. A great deal of the success of this effort was due to the fact that Mr. Harrison was a member of the National Unification Committee of the American Institute of Architects at this time.
3. The Indiana Registration Law - Mr. Harrison contributed the greatest effort in organizing the Indiana Building Congress in which the building industry in this state became a single organization. With the organization behind them the Indiana Architects were rewarded with the enactment of the Indiana Architectural Registration Law. Mr. Harrison served for many years as a member of this board of registration, has been its vice chairman and its chairman.
4. Mr. Harrison carried his efforts in organizing the Building Congress of Indiana to a National Convention in 1931 and with the assistance of several others succeeded in passing a resolution revitalizing the Building Congress of the United States which has

since become the Construction League of the United States. The first president was Mr. Steven Voorhees who was elected to the post after it was turned down by Mr. Merrit Harrison. It is this organization that developed into the construction division of the Department of Commerce of the United States of America.

This represents forty years of active and successful work on the part of Mr. Merrit Harrison on the behalf of the Architects and the people that they serve. It is worthy of note that both these accomplishments can be credited to Mr. Harrison in conjunction with three or four other well known persons in this State, the majority of whom have long been fellows of the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Dorste
Vice President, I.S.A.

TCD/mjw

THE INDIANA SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

A CHAPTER OF
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

October 9, 1958

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
c/o Mr. Edward D. James, Chairman
Committee on Fellowships
The Indiana Society of Architects
122 East Michigan Street
Indianapolis 4, Indiana

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

As Secretary of and a Member of the Executive Committee of The Indiana Society of Architects, a Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, I am happy and honored to be able to endorse the nomination of Mr. Merritt Harrison for Fellowship in The Institute.

I have been aware of Mr. Harrison's devotion and service to The Institute for many years. The work which Mr. Harrison did in helping to formulate The Indiana Society of Architects and to integrate it with the A.I.A. has not been forgotten even by the younger members of the profession today. We feel that he is certainly worthy of the Fellowship on this basis alone.

Mr. Harrison's service with the Indiana Board of Registration for Architects has also been admired and appreciated by architects throughout the State. His integrity in this phase of public service was unquestioned and has made Mr. Harrison one of the most respected architects in this area.

It is with great sincerity that I wholeheartedly endorse the nomination of Merritt Harrison for Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,



Raymond S. Thompson, Secretary
The Indiana Society of Architects

RST:mck

EDWARD D. PIERRE - ARCHITECT

October 10, 1958

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

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

At the time I was nominated for Fellowship, I felt there were other architects in the state of Indiana whose names should be submitted in nomination. Outstanding in that position is my colleague, Merritt Harrison, whom I have known intimately throughout the years of my practice.

I therefore now feel it an honor that I may at this time request your consideration for his elevation to Fellowship. Mr. Harrison is being nominated for his service to the institute and for public service.

We can feel that Merritt Harrison is the father of our local Chapter, for early in this century our Chapter was so weak that it became a part of the Chicago Chapter. It was Merritt Harrison who then a young man fresh from a European trip and from working in important New York offices, felt with indignation the casual lack of importance the Institute carried in the minds of the local architects of that day.

He secured the assistance of Herbert Foltz, F.A.I.A., deceased, and one or two younger men, and with enthusiasm for an important project, established the Indiana Chapter of the A.I.A. in the early twenties. In the thirties, Mr. Harrison again found that the local Indiana Society of Architects was usurping the position of the Chapter and again headed the drive to bring the importance of the American Institute of Architects to the foreground. This culminated in victory, and in 1945 he was responsible for the Indiana Society of Architects and the Indiana Chapter being amalgamated, and we now have the Indiana Society of Architects, a Chapter of the A.I.A.

Mr. Harrison has been the leading fighter in this long battle that has seen the membership grow from three to seven hundred and two. The men who assisted him in this long fight to bring importance to the Institute in the local field have, for the most part, gone to

EDWARD D. PIERRE - ARCHITECT

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Jury of Fellows
Merritt Harrison
October 10, 1958

their reward and therefore cannot testify in his behalf. I therefore feel it is necessary for me to set these facts before you.

Mr. Harrison in his public service was chiefly responsible for the organization of the Indiana Building Congress which later resulted in the Construction League of Indiana and the Construction League of Indianapolis, and for the formulation of their policies and for their co-ordination with the architects. From 1932 to 1935 he was Chairman of the National Committee of Building Congresses and was later responsible for the organization of the National Construction Congresses. He is now called upon constantly to serve on committees where policy and co-ordination between the industry and the architects is of importance.

Mr. Harrison was Chairman of the Legislative Committee at the time the Indiana Architectural Act for the state was brought into being. After the Registration Act became a law, he served as a member of the Registration Board and was Chairman from 1952 to 1953, and as Chairman he instigated the legal promulgation of the Rules and Regulations of the Board.

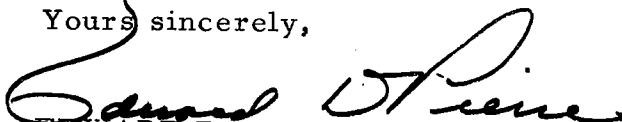
I believe his architectural achievements are noteworthy. He was the architect for the Coliseum of the State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis. This building has the greatest spans of a two-hinged, solid, rigid-web, steel arch frames in the United States, and it is the center of civic activities.

Through a period of many years, he has done schools, churches, state armories, and country clubs wherein his clients have called him repeatedly for additional services which is evidence of his architectural integrity and ability.

In Indianapolis is the second of the Slum Clearing Projects in the United States, Lockfield Gardens. Mr. Harrison's firm with Mr. Harrison as the designer, developed this garden scheme in chevron design which has been copied in many such developments throughout the United States.

I proudly present this nomination of Mr. Merritt Harrison for elevation to Fellowship in the Institute.

Yours sincerely,


EDWARD D. PIERRE, F.A.I.A.

WILLIAM H. HARRISON
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October 10, 1958

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

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend to you Merritt Harrison, for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects. No doubt his standing among the architects of Indiana will be portrayed to you by his peers there, but I should like to add my commendation.

As his brother, I am in position to know that all his life Merritt has contributed generously to civic affairs, and has honestly deserved the large commissions in public work entrusted to him. His untiring efforts have strengthened the standing of The American Institute of Architects in Indiana, and increased the efforts among the members to produce outstanding buildings.

A Fellowship would be fitting recognition of his outstanding service and a great satisfaction to all who know him.

Very truly yours,


William H. Harrison, F.A.I.A.
Architect

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October 17, 1958

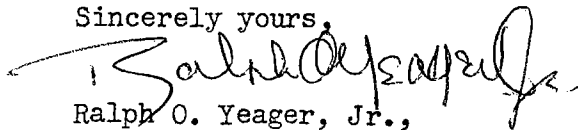
The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
Washington 6, D.C. ✓

Gentlemen:

As a Member of the Executive Committee of the Indiana Society of Architects, a Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, I am pleased to write in support of the nomination of Mr. Merritt Harrison for Fellowship.

A recitation of the long list of accomplishments for the profession and its organizations is to be found elsewhere in material prepared in his behalf. It is surely sufficient to say, here, that these accomplishments have been impressive and make Mr. Harrison most certainly worthy of being made a Fellow.

Sincerely yours,



Ralph O. Yeager, Jr.,
Vice President
Indiana Society of Architects,
A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects.

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THE INDIANA SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

A CHAPTER OF

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

October 13, 1958

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

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

Mr. Merritt Harrison, A.I.A., architect of Indianapolis, Indiana, has been recognized by architects for his service to the Institute and by the public for his service to them. He has been very active in public service and service to the Institute over the past many years.

Mr. Harrison with others worked long and hard to unify the Indiana Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the Indiana Society of Architects. This unification resulted in the development and organization of the Indiana Society of Architects, a chapter of the American Institute of Architects. This organization is now composed of 75% of the registered resident architects of the State. The ground work he laid produced a firm foundation for those who followed him. I am happy that I am having the privilege of following Mr. Harrison's leadership as president of the Indiana Society of Architects.

Mr. Harrison was instrumental in starting a bulletin for the state architects. This bulletin later resulted in our new publication "The Indiana Architect".

Mr. Harrison has also been very active on the Indiana Architectural Registration Board and was instrumental in securing the present Indiana Architectural Registration Law. He served as an officer on the Board of Registration for many years.

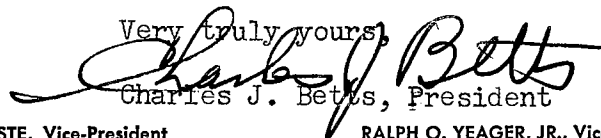
He has also been very active in strengthening the Building Congress of the State of Indiana and the Building Congress of the United States. Through his efforts the Building Congress of the State of Indiana is still very active and the Building Congress of the United States has become the construction division of the Department of Commerce of the United States Government.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to endorse the nomination for fellowship of Mr. Merritt Harrison for public service and service to the Institute.

CJB:es

Very truly yours,

Charles J. Betts, President



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November 21, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

As a member of the Indiana Society of Architects and a member of the Executive Board, I would like to endorse the nomination of Mr. Merritt Harrison, A. I. A., for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

It is my personal belief that Mr. Harrison's services have been very rewarding to the Institute and certainly deserves consideration. I believe his nomination should be a reward for his work in the field of public service and service to the Institute.

I sincerely hope you favor this nomination of Mr. Merritt Harrison.

Very truly yours,

Harry E. Cooler, Architect

HEC/m

E. JACK WESLEY ■ ARCHITECT

10 CHESTNUT STREET
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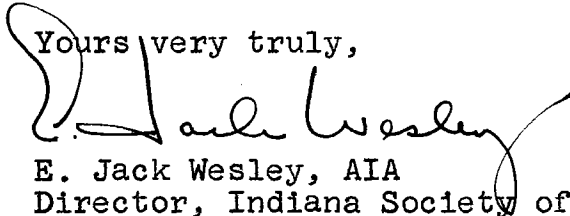
November 22, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

As a member of the Executive Committee of the
Indiana Society of Architects, I am happy to
have the honor and privilege of recommending
Mr. Merritt Harrison for Fellowship in the
American Institute of Architects for his
public service and service to the Institute.

Yours very truly,



E. Jack Wesley, AIA
Director, Indiana Society of Architects

EJW:pb

December 5, 1958

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

In re: Merritt Harrison

Gentlemen:

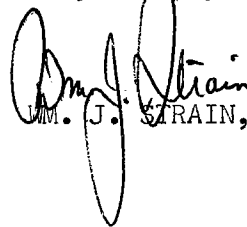
Mr. Harrison has been associated with many of the nice
Architectural projects in and around Indianapolis for
a great many years.

He is a person whose genteelness impresses me - in fact,
I am sure it impresses every one of his acquaintance or
near acquaintance.

He has always shown an interest in the good of all
Architects, perhaps all too frequently making his own
interests secondary to that of his fellow practitioners.

It is my hope that the Jury of Fellows will give him
most favorable consideration at its next meeting.

Very truly yours,


WM. J. STRAIN, A.I.A.

WJS:eh

JOHN D. MARTINDALE, A.I.A.
IVAN R. DAHLGREN, A.I.A.

MARTINDALE
& DAHLGREN

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December 11, 1958

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

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

I wish to endorse the nomination to Fellowship of Merritt Harrison of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Harrison has been an active member of the Indiana Society of Architects (now a Chapter of A.I.A.) and the American Institute of Architects for a number of years, as you well know. He had a responsible and formative position in the Society when I became a member. I am now a Director of I.S.A., and find evidence of the good work of Mr. Harrison and others in the re-establishing of I.S.A. as an active, effective organization, and with its organization into a Chapter of A.I.A.

Mr. Harrison was a member of the Architectural Registration Board of Indiana when I took my Indiana and N.C.A.R.B. examinations. Naturally, I had personal contact with him at that time. I found him to be well informed, to exhibit good and fair judgement, and he carried the responsibilities of the office well.

In my opinion, Merritt Harrison is worthy of a Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Yours very truly

John D. Martindale
John D. Martindale, A.I.A.
Director, I.S.A. of A.I.A.

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EDWARD D. JAMES
ARCHITECT

BY *[Signature]*



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Washington 6, D. C.

December 19, 1958

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Re: Isaac Merritt Harrison, A.I.A.

To Members of
The Executive Committee, Indiana Chapter, A.I.A.

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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 Isaac Merritt Harrison, 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? Good - well
meaning - reputable.

Harry E. Cooley
(Signature)

Member of the Executive Committee, Indiana 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? From my observations,

Mr. Harrison has leadership qualities with definite opinions and high professional standards. His social graces are well developed.

John R. Martindale
(Signature)

Member of the Executive Committee, Indiana Chapter, A.I.A.



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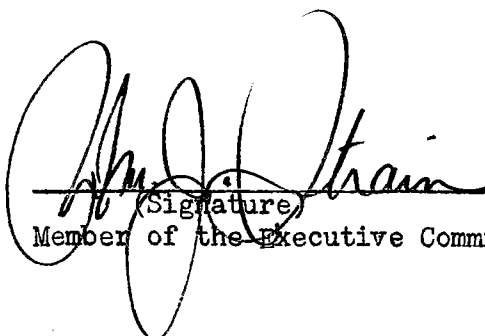
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4. What is your opinion of his character? excellent


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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? The very best

E. H. Wesley
(Signature)
Member of the Executive Committee, Indiana Chapter, A.I.A.



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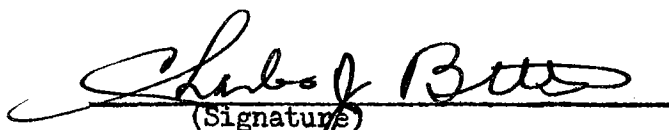
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4. What is your opinion of his character? Good.


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3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? Yes
4. What is your opinion of his character? Outspoken &

critical, but completely honest & sincere - moral
ethics above question

Thomas H. Chase
(Signature)

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3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? Yes.
4. What is your opinion of his character? Mr. Harrison's character
is unquestionable.

Raymond S. Thompson
(Signature)

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Edward D. Hines
(Signature)

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