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Letter of Recommendation
A.E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Company
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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida suffered a catastrophic fire on Dec. 23, 2007. The church sanctuary was completely destroyed, including our 20 year old 50 rank Moeller Pipe Organ. The church leadership immediately organized a reconstruction task force and set a goal for the design, financing, and construction of a new sanctuary to be dedicated, fully equipped with a new pipe organ, on Dec. 23, 2009, exactly two years after the fire. I had the privilege of chairing the Pipe Organ Selection Committee in that process.

Our Pipe Organ committee hired a consultant to help with the design specifications of a new pipe organ and the manufacturer selection process. We sent request for proposals to a number of highly recognized and respected manufacturers. After the proposals were received and analyzed we agreed to invite three leading companies to make presentations to the committee. We then traveled the country to listen to the organs of each of the companies. Our committee unanimously selected the A.E. Schlueter Company of Lithonia, Georgia.

Our new 65 rank Schlueter Organ with Antiphonal and Trompette Enchamade is magnificent. The company performed exceptionally well during the design, manufacture and installation process. They met every deadline and budget requirement exactly on schedule. And, most importantly, The Messiah, with the Symphony Orchestra and Chorus and the new A.E. Schlueter Pipe Organ, was performed before a packed house and to thunderous applause on the night of December 23rd, 2009, exactly on schedule.

I can recommend the Schlueter Pipe Organ Company without reservation. They are consummate artisans and professionals of the highest order. Our experience with Arthur and Art Schlueter was and is wonderful. They and their people exceeded our expectations and they have our deepest gratitude for a job well done.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W.C. Mason".

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