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23 July 2009

Dear William Taylor Jr. ("B. Taylor"),

We are pleased to announce that you have been accepted to tour with Armed Forces Entertainment for the Department of Defense. Thank you for selflessly taking the time out of your busy schedule to enhance the morale of our men and women and uniform. Your tour will consist of international travel to military installations worldwide between mid October and mid December 2009. Our expectation for this tour is a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Motown themed production for entertaining our troops. This would be more in line with "Pete Moore of Smokey Robinson and the Miracles presents B. Taylor, the "Stevie Wonder of Hip Hop"" type of tour.

Your tour will prove to be extremely rewarding and one of the highlights of your career. If you need additional information please don't hesitate to contact me [edward.shock@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:edward.shock@pentagon.af.mil), 703-601-2429 or Capt Jamie Fleischhacker at [jamie.fleischhacker@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:jamie.fleischhacker@pentagon.af.mil), 703-601-0129. We look forward to future opportunities for you to support our troops. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

EDWARD F. SHOCK, Col, USAF  
Chief, Armed Forces Entertainment  
Directorate of Services



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
1000 NAVY PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-1000

June 16, 2000

To Whom It May Concern:

On a recent visit to Pensacola, I met Airman William Taylor when we played basketball together at a command-sponsored game. During this meeting, he struck me as a talented player, an admirable sailor, and someone who would represent the Navy in an exemplary manner. If he meets your criteria for the All Navy Basketball team, I would recommend him to you based on my impressions of him during the game and our conversation afterwards.\*

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Richard Danzig in black ink.

Richard Danzig  
Secretary of the Navy

\* Also, he blocked my shot!

A handwritten flourish or signature consisting of a large 'U' shape followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Air Technical Training Center  
To: Commander Navy Personnel Command (PERS-651E)

Subj: ALL NAVY BASKETBALL ENDORSEMENT FOR ATAN WILLIAM TAYLOR,  
USN,

1. The following letter is submitted for ATAN William Taylor, USN, a Sailor assigned to the Aviation Electronics Technician Course, Avionics Training Department at Naval Air Technical Training Center. He is currently applying to participate in the All Navy Basketball Program.
2. ATAN Taylor has been an outstanding Sailor and student during his assignment to my command. He has performed in an exemplary manner both academically and athletically maintaining a GPA of 89.26 while scoring consistent grades of outstanding on his Physical Readiness Tests. ATAN Taylor has presented himself as a wonderful example of our Navy's future and has the potential and drive to succeed at any endeavor he pursues. I fully endorse his application to participate in the All Navy Sports Program and wish him great success in his bright future.

  
R. H. JAEH

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**DAVID R. LEITCH**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE · 73RD DISTRICT

October 5, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to write a recommendation on behalf of Billy Taylor. He is a young man who is striving to make a future and is a source of pride for his family, whom I have known for over eight years.

Billy has been blessed with an extraordinary range of talents including a versatile set of musical gifts along with exceptional athletic ability. We are all proud of his successful service in the Naval Reserves.

We are excited that his musical aptitude has been discovered by notable artists in the music world leading to various writing, production and performance experiences. We are confident that with his character, capacity for hard work, personality, talent and now his affiliation with Pete Moore his future appears to be unlimited.

I look forward to hearing about his future accomplishments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David R. Leitch".

David R. Leitch

# STATE OF ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 601  
OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVID R. LEITCH

**WHEREAS**, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate B. Taylor for singing the National Anthem on Veterans Day, November 11, 2011, at the Inaugural Quicken Loans Carrier Classic game between Michigan State and North Carolina on the USS Vinson near San Diego, California; and

**WHEREAS**, President Barack Obama, Magic Johnson, representing Michigan State, James Worthy, representing North Carolina, and high ranking dignitaries, will join this celebration of all veterans on the aircraft carrier that buried Osama Bin Laden at sea; and

**WHEREAS**, B. Taylor, a multi-talented musician who plays 4 instruments, writer, and producer is the first since Michael Jackson and only hip hop artist endorsed by the Gordy family and the Motown Legends, including Pete Moore, Claudette Robinson, Bobby Rogers of Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Mary Wilson of the Supremes, the Marvelettes, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, the Temptations, the Four Tops, and by the Cash Family of country music fame; and

**WHEREAS**, Motown Legends Pete Moore, Claudette Robinson and other Legends will attend the 2011 Quicken Loans Carrier Classic in support of B. Taylor who they have titled as "the Stevie Wonder of Hip Hop" and the "New Sound of Classic Motown"; and

**WHEREAS**, B. Taylor's hit "Fire in Your Eyes" with NCIS star Pauley Perrette has been submitted for consideration for nomination at the upcoming 54th Annual Grammy Awards; it was #1 on the Billboard Hot R&B/Hip Hop Singles Sales chart for 2 weeks, #2 for 5 weeks, in the top 10 for 9 weeks, and hit #4 on the Billboard Hot Singles Sales chart (all genres); and

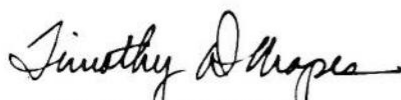
**WHEREAS**, A 1996 graduate of Dunlap High School, B. Taylor was a football and basketball star, University of Missouri athlete, and United States Navy Veteran who was a member of the All Navy-USA basketball team; he chose to pursue a career in music over the National Football League; and

**WHEREAS**, B. Taylor, son of Bill and Willie Ann Taylor, most enjoys returning home to share his inspiring message of hope, faith, and honesty with students, including those of the Dunlap and Peoria schools; therefore, be it

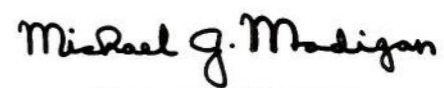
**RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**, that we commend B. Taylor on the honor of his singing the National Anthem at this historic Veterans Day celebration and wish him every success in his career; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to B. Taylor and his family as an expression of our esteem.

Adopted by the House of Representatives on November 8, 2011.

  
TIMOTHY D. MAPES  
CLERK OF THE HOUSE



  
MICHAEL J. MADIGAN  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE



**Douglas R. Oberhelman**  
Chairman and  
Chief Executive Officer

June 6, 2011

Re: William Taylor Jr. "B. Taylor"

To whom it may concern:

I have known B. Taylor's father many years throughout our professional career paths at Caterpillar Inc. as well as the personal relationship we have established. I consider him a very good friend, and he holds my utmost respect.

I have followed B. Taylor's endeavors through his father and had the opportunity to meet and speak with B. Taylor and his management team on multiple occasions, and I believe that B. Taylor possesses many of his father's outstanding qualities and traits. I believe he is a gifted and talented artist and musician and I am excited to learn of his endorsement by the Classic Motown legends, the iconic Cash Family of country music and the U.S. Navy, and the many career opportunities that will be available.

I am proud to be a strong supporter of B. Taylor and look forward to continued updates regarding his success.

Best personal regards,

Doug

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Oberhelman". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Doug".