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To Whom All It may concern

I have reviewed the election materials provided by the nominee, Dr. K. N. Gunalan for the office of President of the ASCE for a term commencing October 2018.

As a member of his doctoral committee pursuing his doctoral degree at Texas Tech University I found Dr. Gunalan (Guna) to be unusually brilliant in both academic and other professional matters for which he was granted a doctoral degree. In addition, I had the opportunity to be his professor for many graduate courses where he performed extremely well with excellent grades. Besides being at the university, he took leadership parts in social organizations and became somewhat very popular in the community.

Later on, I had the unique opportunity to work with him while he was working as the general manager in Terra Engineers, Inc., where he demonstrated exceptional qualities in procuring and performing engineering services to the local and state engineers, and above all, he was a likable leader among his fellow engineers.

Seeing his subsequent progress with other engineering companies, I always hoped that in future Guna would reach to the highest position that a civil engineer could attain.

Please accept this document as my proud endorsement of Dr. K. N. Gunalan for the position of the president of the A.S.C.E. starting Oct 2018. I am fully confident that he has the talent to be a great leader and would perform the duties of the president with sincerity and diligence with highest professional skill as one can think of in that position.

Sincerely,



C.V. Girija Vallabhan
Life Member of ASCE (formerly a Fellow)