



The Olathe Kansas Branch of the NAACP

Monday, April 02, 2001

Letter of Recommendation:

This letter comes to you with highest regard for the artistic talent and professionalism of Kathy Colon. On behalf of our organization, Ms. Colon's talent as an artist has been displayed in several arenas. A gifted and versatile artist she participated in our annual Juneteenth Celebration creating an amazingly accurate depiction of a "Buffalo Soldier" which was displayed in the local newspaper and continues to be a topic of conversation in the community. Unknown to Ms. Colon was the fact that the soldier she had chosen to draw (J.R. Bruce) happened to be a local hero with many relatives in the area. Members of his family were moved to tears to see their relative immortalized in her sidewalk chalk drawing.

We have also had the pleasure of working with Kathy on other projects. Recently, she created drawings displayed in the halls of the Johnson County Kansas Courthouse during Black History Month. This is no small feat as it represents the first time an African American artist has displayed in the courthouse. Faced with very tight deadlines on several projects, Kathy never wavered in her commitment to deliver on time.

When the City Manager of the City of Olathe, Kansas requested assistance finding an artist to design a portable mural depicting the contributions of famous African Americans from the state of Kansas to display in the new City Hall the choice was easy, Kathy Colon.

Ms. Colon's willingness to avail herself and her talents has made her a favorite among our members. Kathy came to us highly recommended by another organization. Based upon our experience with Kathy we are very pleased to extend this letter of recommendation on her behalf. She has exceeded every expectation and we are confident she will do the same for you.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at (913) 791-9565. I will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

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Branch President