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A Passion for Aerospace: Designing and 3D Printing the JF-17 Thunder

I am pleased to recommend **Muhammad Yahya Amir** for his outstanding **passion project** titled "**A Passion for Aerospace: Designing and 3D Printing the JF-17 Thunder**," completed under the auspices of the NSTC during a tenure from March 1, 2025, to June 15, 2025. As a high school student with a keen interest in **engineering** and **aviation**, Yahya demonstrated exceptional **initiative** by conceptualizing, modeling, and fabricating a detailed scale model of the **JF-17 Thunder** multirole combat aircraft.

This work supports his aerospace engineering applications, demonstrating self-directed practical skills. Using SolidWorks, he designed components like fuselage, wings, tail rudder, nose cone, air intakes, and exhaust via lofting, revolving, and mirroring for aerodynamic accuracy. He 3D-printed it on a Wanhao i3, optimizing Cura for orientation, layer height, infill, and supports. Consulted mentors: Engr. Sahab Hafeez and Mr. Talha Mehmood.

The project focused on **engineering principles**, **problem-solving** in CAD/printing, and **creativity** with tech. Yahya addressed **tolerances** and documented well, proving **proficiency** in **CAD** and **additive manufacturing**. In our firm's special project, he displayed **leadership** by tackling **challenges**, asking **insightful questions**, and proposing **improvements** valued by engineers.

This work testifies to Yahya's potential for **university-level studies** and contributions to aerospace. I endorse him for **scholarships**, and **programs** in engineering - his **dedication** and **hands-on approach** make him exceptional.

Sincerely,

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