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Outstanding Service by a Citizen

This certificate is hereby presented to Paul and Elaine Miller for their work as public advocates following personal tragedy.

Missy Sweitzer and Paul and Elaine Miller are shining examples of individuals who turned tragedy into a positive force for making our roadways safer. On November 27, 2008, Missy's 20-year-old son Zachary Sweitzer, was struck by an impaired minor driver on I-83, causing Zac's death. On April 27, 2013, Chief Rodney Miller of the Loganville Volunteer Fire Company, who was Paul and Elaine's son and a mentor to Zac, was struck by an impaired repeat DUI offender while he was in the line of duty on I-83, causing Chief Miller's death.

Senselessly losing their sons to impaired drivers led Missy Sweitzer and Paul and Elaine Miller to become strong advocates for traffic safety. Missy, who currently works with the Center for Traffic Safety, provides food to law enforcement while they work sobriety checkpoints. Missy, Paul and Elaine also run an annual blood drive every Friday after Thanksgiving in memory of their sons Zac and Rodney.

Missy, Paul and Elaine also joined forces with other victims of vehicular crime to advocate for legislative changes that promote traffic safety. Along with representatives from MADD, they personally spoke with members of the Pennsylvania legislature to encourage the expansion of laws requiring ignition interlock for those convicted of DUI.

As members of PA Parents Against Impaired Driving, Missy, Paul and Elaine advocated for stronger penalties against repeat DUI offenders. Their public presentations and personal appeals to legislators culminated in 2018 with the Pennsylvania legislature enacting enhanced penalties for repeat DUI offenders who commit Homicide by Vehicle while DUI. Also, their efforts led to the passage of Pennsylvania's first felony repeat offender DUI law.

As District Attorney of York County, it is my honor to recognize each of you for your advocacy for traffic safety, in honoring both Zac and Rodney's memory through your efforts. We greatly appreciate everything you do to make York County a safer place.

Dave Sunday
District Attorney