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NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals
ATTN: Awards Committee Chair
44 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 301
Alexandria, VA 22314

Esteemed members of the Award Committee,

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of Dr. H. Westley Clark, MD, JD, MPH who is being nominated for the NAADAC 50th Anniversary Legend Award. I have known Dr. Clark for over 20 years, he has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to advancing the field of addiction medicine, to growing its professional base, and to supporting its needs: Under his leadership, the profession has been broadened to include counselors, primary care physicians, peers and, of course, the academic community.

His commitment has been demonstrated through his leadership of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and across several political administrations. In addition, Westley served two terms on the National Advisory Council of NIDA and is currently on the Advisory Council of the National Institute of Alcohol abuse and Alcoholism, having assumed the latter position some 6 years following his retirement from federal service.

Westley is also participating in an effort to get full value contingency management adopted by government and substance use treatment providers. In this effort, he is helping to create new programs, services, and trainings for addiction professionals. To this end he has presented arguments before government agencies such as, NIDA, NIAAA, SAMHSA, and ONDCP. Furthermore, he has a documented history of advocating for the addiction profession by (1) promoting the training of counselors, (2) providing information about federal confidentiality to encourage those experiencing substance use disorders to engage in substance use treatment, and (3) to include counselor training within the federal grant programs.

Westley has testified before both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate on behalf of patients, encouraging a respect for patients in order to promote a more ethical and patient-centered substance use disorder treatment system. Westley has had a long-term commitment to the ethical treatment of patients and the ethical behavior of substance use treatment providers.

Because of his seminal contributions to the addiction field and the advancement of the addiction services profession, it is an honor to provide this letter of reference in support of Dr. H. Westley Clark for the NAADAC 50th Anniversary Legend Award.

Nora Volkow, MD
Director, NIDA