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Subject: Letter of Recommendation from Denise & Ron Zook to Holland Drake

When Ron and I first bought our property on Lake Weir in 2005 we dreamed of a home where we could share memories with our children, grandchildren, family and friends. Of course, at the time that dream seemed far into the distance. We live in Illinois and I was anxious about building a house and being so far away. The thought of not being there to make decisions, to view samples, to make sure I was getting the best deal on materials was enough to put off my dream house for a while. That was until I met Holland Drake. At the first meeting with Holland I knew that he was a different builder. He listened to us, to our vision, to our concerns, and then he made a promise, he promised he would treat this project as if it was his own home he was building. And Holland Drake has been true to his word.

Holland put together a fantastic team of people in an architect, a designer and multiple suppliers and made sure we were all on the same page. As the leader of this team he was conscious that I wanted to be part of every step and to be involved in making this home unique to our family. He listened to me, something that I value in a builder above all else. Not only that, but it became very obvious to me of his talent and expertise when I saw him researching on every detail of the home. He made sure we got the best quality at the best rate that I was within budget or under. No detail was sacrificed and I attribute that to Holland taking such pride in his work.

And the end result? It has exceeded Ron and my own expectations. It is our dream home, everything that we wanted and more. Some say home is where the heart is, and that is true. But Holland has created a home where your heart wants to be. Even Ron said, "I love this home so much that it is very hard to leave". This past June/July we got to share our home with our children, our family, and our friends. The memories that have already been created in this home are so sweet and precious to us and we are very thankful that they were possible because of Holland Drake.

We have had the privilege of building 9 homes in our journey of life and I would have to say that this was the best building experience we have ever had. We would recommend Holland Drake to anyone looking to build. He gives you 110% and his heart is evident in his work. Thank you so much Holland for sharing your passion with us and for helping us create our dream home.

With Grateful Hearts,
Denise and Ron Zook