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IEEE History Committee
IEEE History Center
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Dear History Committee,

I am writing to enthusiastically support the application of the Heinz Nixdorf MuseumsForum (HNF) for an IEEE Milestone (Special Citation).

The HNF is one of the largest computer museums in the world and plays a critical role in the education of a broad audience on the topic of computer history. It has an outstanding collection of historic artifacts in its wonderful exhibitions, and many interactive and engaging installations that lead the visitors through 5000 years from the invention of numbers and writing to our modern, digital age. It is also deeply engaged in the historic community and takes an active role in promoting the importance of history for our society and its future.

The Computer History Museum (CHM) has cooperated with the HNF in several ways for decades, and we have always had a very fruitful exchange of ideas. HNF is the only major, dedicated computer museum in Europe, and with us one of only two in the world. As such it is an essential cultural institution for the history and future of technology.

In the interest of transparency I should note that I have been involved in the process for IEEE Milestones, notably the one for Douglas Engelbart's 1968 demo, and am a corresponding member of the IEEE History Committee.

I support the application fully and without reservation and confirm that the HNF is an essential institution that deserves this Citation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marc Weber'.

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