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Dear Mr. Snyder:

On July 11, 2008, at approximately 4 p.m., your 81-year-old neighbor, Evelyn Coleman was in her driveway trying to unload the trunk of her car, when it backed over her. Trapped underneath the vehicle, Ms. Coleman was injured and bleeding. She called your residence in an attempt to get help. You saw the caller identification and realized it was from the Coleman residence. You ran across the street to find her lying face down with the car's right rear tire on top of her leg. When you got closer, you could see that she was bleeding and had sustained some type of head injury.

Checking her pulse and finding it to be very weak, you applied direct pressure to the head wound as well as the carotid artery. You continually talked to Ms. Coleman trying to keep her calm and aware, although she was exhibiting symptoms of shock.

Recognizing the urgency of the situation, you yelled for help from your dad. When he arrived, you called 9-1-1 and decided to try and physically pull the car forward just enough to free her leg. While your father pushed on the rear of the car to hold it in place, you reached inside and shifted the car into park. You and your father stayed with Ms. Coleman, trying to stop the bleeding and keep her calm until paramedics arrived and transported her to the hospital.

Fortunately, Ms. Coleman suffered no serious or long-term injuries, however, the situation might have ended much differently had it not been for your calm, immediate attention and the use of sound judgment in the face of an emergency. It is with great appreciation and thanks that we honor you here today with this Citizen Commendation.

Sincerely,

Kevin Paletta
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