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***Candidate's Statement:** "I am honored to be running for the NCTRC Board of Directors. I fully understand the responsibilities of a board member and feel competent to assist the Board in a cooperative effort to fulfill the NCTRC mission. I take my role as a CTRS seriously and realize the importance of protecting consumers while advancing the profession. My 19 years as a practitioner in physical rehabilitation, 11 years in the university setting, and years of leadership roles in professional organizations, have allowed me to keep abreast of many of the advances and current needs of our profession. TR is a profession that has changed dramatically in recent years due to innovations in practice and changes in health care. New and seasoned practitioners should keep on top of changes and expand their knowledge to assure competent practice in the workplace. My motivation for running for the board is to do my part to assure professionals in therapeutic recreation use best practice to improve the health and quality of life of our consumers. My goal is to assist in an effort to establish the value and worth for the CTRS credential."*