

1 WHEREAS, as a result of their victory, five paid NASA summer internships have
2 been awarded to team members, which will allow the students to work in NASA facilities
3 across the country; and

4 WHEREAS, the team intends to continue to develop the Sunflower design and will
5 present its research on the design at the American Institute of Aerospace and Aeronautics
6 conference and submit articles to peer-reviewed aerospace engineering journals; and

7 WHEREAS, through their victory in the BIG Idea Challenge competition, these
8 students have established a Tulane University and Louisiana presence at NASA that will
9 benefit the institution and the state for years to come.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11 commend John Robertson, Otto Lyon, Benjamin Lewson, Matthew Gorban, Ethan Gasta,
12 Maxwell Woody, and Afsheen Sajjadi upon their selection as winners of NASA's BIG Idea
13 Challenge competition and their subsequent internship awards; does hereby recognize and
14 record for posterity their extraordinary contributions to spaceflight, the National Aeronautics
15 and Space Administration, Tulane University, and the state of Louisiana; and does hereby
16 wish them every measure of continued success and happiness in their future endeavors.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
18 to John Robertson, Otto Lyon, Benjamin Lewson, Matthew Gorban, Ethan Gasta, Maxwell
19 Woody, and Afsheen Sajjadi.

DIGEST

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