

1 State Museum in Baton Rouge; and

2 WHEREAS, Sunjay had previously competed in the program as an eighth-grader and
3 won the 2014 Caddo Parish Middle School Student of the Year award; and

4 WHEREAS, Sunjay is also particularly commended for his attention to academics
5 by maintaining a 4.0 grade point average and earning a thirty-five (35) on the ACT college
6 entrance exam; he is a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist and an Advanced Placement
7 Scholarship participant; and

8 WHEREAS, with numerous honors for academic endeavors and extracurricular
9 activities which include selection as a finalist in the Siemens Competition in Math, Science
10 and Technology, as a second-place winner of the 2018 Louisiana Region I Science and
11 Engineering Fair, and as a first-place winner in the 2018 Louisiana Junior Science and
12 Humanities Symposium; Sunjay Letchuman exemplifies the finest qualities of scholarship;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, he possess a keen interest in the advanced study of biomedical
15 engineering as a research student at the Biomedical Research Foundation (BRF) and at the
16 LSU Health Science Center (Shreveport) Science and Medicine Academic Research
17 Training Program (SMART); and

18 WHEREAS, Sunjay will compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair
19 held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in May; and

20 WHEREAS, at BRF, his scientific research project titled "Differential Redox Profiles
21 of Veins and Arteries Associated with Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Failure" focuses on the
22 investigation of the systemic failure of coronary artery grafts over time; and

23 WHEREAS, Sunjay takes an active leadership role in organizations at Caddo Magnet
24 High School such as Mock Trial Club, Key Club International, and the Asian Studies
25 Association; and

26 WHEREAS, as a well-rounded student, Sunjay places academics as a top priority;
27 however, he balances his schedule with athletics that include tennis and cross-country track
28 and with leisure pursuits such as board games, gardening, and chess; and

29 WHEREAS, he volunteers his time at the Overton Brooks Veterans Administration
30 Medical Center; and

