

1 WHEREAS, during this horrific emergency situation, the alleged assailant returned
2 to the scene to inflict mayhem on this Good Samaritan by shooting him twice; in the hip and
3 arm, and then hitting Daniel twice with his automobile; and

4 WHEREAS, since that fateful day, Daniel Wesley has endured numerous surgeries
5 to repair his body, and continues with countless hours of physical therapy to regain his
6 balance and mobility; and

7 WHEREAS, during these trying times, Daniel displays a maturity far beyond his
8 seventeen years of age; determined to survive the attack, he treats every medical and
9 physiological obstacle in his recovery as a challenge to be overcome; all of these admirable
10 characteristics exemplify his strong will and unfaltering faith; and

11 WHEREAS, during his hospital convalescence, Governor John Bel Edwards and
12 First Lady Donna Edwards paid Daniel a visit to wish him a speedy recovery and remarked
13 that Daniel set an exemplary model of courage for others to emulate; the governor even
14 obliged his request for root beer flavored carbonated beverages; and

15 WHEREAS, Baton Rouge Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome stated
16 emphatically that, "Daniel was an example not only for young people, but for all of us"; and

17 WHEREAS, the citizens of Central are very proud of their young hometown hero,
18 and Daniel cherishes each word of encouragement, bouquet of flowers, and visit as a
19 blessing; and

20 WHEREAS, Principal David Scott, along with the students and faculty of Central
21 High School, have kept his spirits high with numerous communications and fundraising
22 activities to offset his medical expenses; then welcomed Daniel back to school in
23 mid-January; and

24 WHEREAS, Daniel will celebrate his eighteenth birthday in April, and in May, he
25 shall receive his diploma and graduate along with his classmates, the 2017 Senior Class of
26 Central High School; and Daniel is confident that he will walk unaided in commencement
27 ceremonies; and

28 WHEREAS, despite these life-changing events, Daniel Wesley remains optimistic;
29 he has a bright future ahead, having displayed his capacity for the best attributes of humanity
30 and altruism; he walks in faith and looks for the good in all mankind.

