

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

BY SENATOR HEWITT

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and recognizes Alyssa Carson on her many accomplishments.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and recognize Alyssa Carson on her many accomplishments.

3 WHEREAS, since Alyssa Carson was a little girl, she had her heart set on the stars;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, at the tender age of three, she told her daddy that she wanted to be an
6 astronaut and go to Mars; and

7 WHEREAS, since then, all of her passion and focus has been channeled into making
8 that dream a reality; and

9 WHEREAS, at the age of sixteen, Alyssa has witnessed three space shuttle launches,
10 attended space camp seven times, the Space Academy three times, the Robotics Academy
11 once, is the youngest to graduate from the Advanced Space Academy, and participated in
12 several Sally Ride Science Camps; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2012 and 2013, she furthered her education at Space Camp Turkey
14 and Space Camp Canada, becoming the first person to attend all three National Aeronautics
15 and Space Administration (NASA) space camps worldwide; and

16 WHEREAS, Alyssa is also the first and only person to complete the NASA Passport
17 to Explore Space program, visiting all fourteen NASA visitor centers stretching across nine
18 states; and

1 WHEREAS, in January 2013, NASA invited her to be on the MER 10 panel in
2 Washington, DC, via a live broadcast on NASA Television to discuss future missions to
3 Mars; and

4 WHEREAS, Alyssa was later selected as one of seven ambassadors representing
5 Mars One, a mission to establish a human colony on Mars in 2030; and

6 WHEREAS, in October 2016, she was the youngest person to be accepted to, and
7 graduate from, the Advanced PoSSUM Academy, officially making her an astronaut trainee
8 and certified to go into space; and

9 WHEREAS, Alyssa has delivered talks in fifteen countries, including a TED Talk
10 in Kalamata, Greece, and participated in Microsoft events in New York and Detroit as part
11 of a community outreach; and

12 WHEREAS, a student at The Baton Rouge International School, Alyssa studies all
13 the subjects that she takes in four languages and supplements her regular school work with
14 courses in Space Psychology at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; and

15 WHEREAS, by September 2018, she will earn a college level certificate in applied
16 astronautics; and

17 WHEREAS, Alyssa's achievements and singularity of purpose have brought
18 international notoriety and she has become a role model and motivational speaker for
19 children around the world from a number of backgrounds; and

20 WHEREAS, she is driven by an insatiable desire to live life to the fullest, break
21 through the ceiling of possibilities, and make a positive and lasting impact on the world; and

22 WHEREAS, Alyssa's message is simple: find a passion and pursue it; and

23 WHEREAS, she wants to "encourage people to find goals and aspirations, and then
24 work towards them and never give up"; and

25 WHEREAS, it is fitting to herald the achievements of Louisiana's accomplished
26 youth like Alyssa Carson, a model student and citizen who represents the best and brightest
27 of the state.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
29 does hereby commend and congratulate Alyssa Carson on her many accomplishments and
30 does hereby wish her continued success in all future endeavors.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
2 Alyssa Carson.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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