

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 156

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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 and attended space camp seven times, the Space Academy three times, the Robotics
11 Academy once, is the youngest to graduate from the Advanced Space Academy, and has
12 participated in 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 (Polar Suborbital Science in the Upper Mesosphere)
8 Academy, officially making her an astronaut trainee and certified to go into space - the
9 two-year program including graduate level courses she took in order for her to make a
10 suborbital space flight with Possum Academy to continue the research they are doing on
11 noctilucent clouds that only exist in the Mesosphere; and

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

15 WHEREAS, a student at The Baton Rouge International School, Alyssa studies all
16 the subjects that she takes in four languages and supplements her regular school work with
17 courses in Space Psychology at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University where she has
18 completed requirements to receive a certification of Applied Astronautics, again being the
19 youngest and one of the first to achieve this certification; and

20 WHEREAS, Alyssa Carson completed survival training, post landing rescue, and
21 egress from the Orion capsule within a ten-day training program to prepare her for survival
22 and how to leave the Orion capsule in case it were to land off course; the training also
23 included space suit training in the water and surviving in a life raft situation out in the real
24 sea; and in completing the course, she was the youngest to do so; and

25 WHEREAS, Alyssa also has been invited this summer to geology training in Iceland
26 where the Apollo moon walkers trained, a program starting back up due to people going
27 back to the moon and going to Mars, and Alyssa is invited to help with the beta testing of
28 this program to start it back up; and

29 WHEREAS, Alyssa's achievements and singularity of purpose have brought
30 international notoriety and she has become a role model and motivational speaker for

1 children around the world from a number of backgrounds; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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