

1 towards students seeking a way to succeed outside of a traditional school setting while
2 working to obtain a high school equivalency diploma; and

3 WHEREAS, the Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge Program encourages
4 teamwork, personal growth, and development through eight core components: life coping
5 skills, academic excellence, job skills, responsible citizenship, leadership/followership,
6 health and hygiene, service to the community, and physical fitness; and

7 WHEREAS, the Youth Challenge Program is a seventeen-month program consisting
8 of two phases: a five-month residential phase and a twelve-month post-residential phase;
9 during the residential phase, students live on-site at one of three locations: Camp Minden
10 near Shreveport, Camp Beauregard Training Center, and The Gillis W. Long Center near
11 Baton Rouge; during phase one, students attend school and receive counseling and twenty-
12 four-hour supervision; and

13 WHEREAS, after graduation, students return home to begin a twelve-month post-
14 residential phase; this phase is designed to help students continue in a positive direction, and
15 graduates are assisted by Youth Challenge Program case managers and community mentors
16 to continue their education, enroll in college, begin job training, find employment, or enlist
17 in the military; and

18 WHEREAS, the Louisiana National Guard at Camp Beauregard is most deserving
19 of the highest recognition for its longstanding efforts to support the United States military
20 and Louisiana's youth.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
22 express support for the continued operations of the Louisiana National Guard at Camp
23 Beauregard in Pineville, Louisiana, and does hereby commend the accomplishments of the
24 Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge.

DIGEST

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