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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Students of Sunray Middle School were awarded top
2 honors in the 2019-2020 ROADS on Mars national student challenge by
3 the Northwest Earth and Space Sciences Pipeline; and

4 WHEREAS, Sponsored by NASA, the Northwest Earth and Space
5 Sciences Pipeline promotes student interest and achievement in
6 science, technology, engineering, and math by providing
7 educational materials and events; the ROADS on Mars challenge
8 invites young people from across the nation to design and build
9 working model landers and rovers in order to recreate the Mars 2020
10 rover and drone survey mission; and

11 WHEREAS, Under the team name Sunray Bobcat Ares X-plorers,
12 the students participated in a series of mini-challenges such as
13 investigating geological processes and learning how to identify
14 biosignatures; they went on to design a communication satellite, an
15 EV3 robot rover, and a lander capsule, and their project culminated
16 in a video demonstration in which they successfully simulated a
17 sample collection mission; and

18 WHEREAS, Demonstrating a true team effort, valuable
19 contributions were made by each member of the team: Commander
20 Kelley Turley, CapCom Brody Purswell, EVA Officer Justin Bain, UAV
21 Pilot Sully Kimbrell, Science Officer Kenneth Hughes, and Recorder
22 Aallura Sharp; the young scientists were ably guided by their
23 teacher, Angaleta Crenshaw; and

24 WHEREAS, Part of the Sunray Independent School District,

1 Sunray Elementary and Middle Schools benefit from the leadership of
2 principals Cody McDowell and Jance Morris and superintendent
3 Marshall Harrison; and

4 WHEREAS, Through hard work and an unwavering commitment to
5 excellence, the members of the Sunray Bobcat Ares X-pplorers have
6 earned the admiration of their fellow students and their many
7 community supporters, and they may indeed reflect with pride on
8 their outstanding accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate the Sunray Bobcat Ares X-pplorers on
11 being named the top middle school team in the 2019-2020 ROADS on
12 Mars national student challenge and extend to its members sincere
13 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.