

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Danielle Gibson and Will Casto.

2 WHEREAS, this body rightfully commends those scholars in Kentucky who stand
3 as examples for all other students in this Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, in this spirit, the members honor Danielle Gibson and Will Casto, both
5 seniors at the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehead
6 State University, for having spearheaded a biology experiment which is currently on its
7 way to the International Space Station; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Gibson and Mr. Casto initiated the project to attempt to measure
9 the effect of microgravity conditions on smooth muscle cells, an endeavor that could give
10 researchers much needed information about conditions like hypertension, an issue which
11 affects countless Kentuckians; and

12 WHEREAS, the experiment was aboard the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, which
13 launched into orbit from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on
14 February 19, 2017; and

15 WHEREAS, this body honors these distinguished young Kentuckians on this day
16 for having initiated a worthwhile and consequential endeavor, one which could positively
17 impact the lives of innumerable Kentuckians for generations to come, and one which
18 serves as an example of the creativity and ingenuity of these two students and also to the
19 exciting and innovative work that is being done in schools all across this Commonwealth;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

21 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
22 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

23 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor Danielle
24 Gibson and Will Casto for their hard work and many sacrifices in the name of science,
25 and grant them best wishes as they continue to make their families, their community, and
26 their school proud.

27 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in

- 1 honor of Danielle Gibson and Will Casto.
- 2 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
- 3 copy of this Resolution to Representative Rocky Adkins for delivery.