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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY REPRESENTATIVE WESLEY BISHOP

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Make it Right Foundation and its founder, Brad Pitt, for their contributions to New Orleans' recovery following Hurricane Katrina

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Make It Right Foundation and its founder, Brad Pitt, for their contributions
3 to New Orleans' recovery following Hurricane Katrina.

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the Make It Right Foundation and its
5 founder, actor Brad Pitt, for providing affordable, green housing to residents of the city of
6 New Orleans in the post-Katrina era; and

7 WHEREAS, Make It Right was founded by actor and Missourian, Brad Pitt, in late
8 2007 as a response to his frustration with the progress of rebuilding in New Orleans' poorest
9 communities like the Lower Ninth Ward, which lost four thousand homes to the flooding
10 that followed Hurricane Katrina in 2005; and

11 WHEREAS, when Brad Pitt formed Make It Right, he made a promise to help
12 rebuild the Lower Ninth Ward neighborhood by developing at least one hundred fifty safe,
13 green, and affordable homes for working families; and

14 WHEREAS, since he made his monumental promise, Make It Right and some of the
15 world's most renowned architects have designed and constructed seventy-five homes in the
16 Lower Ninth Ward, establishing new standards for affordable, energy efficient, single-family
17 homes; and

18 WHEREAS, as the anchor for redevelopment in the Lower Ninth Ward, Make It
19 Right's homes have been a catalyst for the rebirth of a neighborhood that is now recognized
20 as "the largest and greenest neighborhood of single family homes in the world" by the United
21 States Green Building Council; and

1 WHEREAS, Make It Right's work is a symbol of New Orleans' emerging leadership
2 in green development; the organization shares the lessons it has learned with other projects
3 around the world in an effort to make sustainable homes a reality in other low-income
4 communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Make It Right's rebuilding effort has a broad and lasting social impact,
6 proving what can be accomplished when companies and individuals come together to
7 collectively support the people of a great American city; and

8 WHEREAS, for nearly seven heartbreaking years since Hurricane Katrina, many
9 Lower Ninth Ward families have struggled to make ends meet and find a way back home;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, since they have moved home, Make It Right families have enjoyed
12 significantly lower monthly utility payments, cleaner air, chemical-free homes, and, most
13 of all, reconnecting with friends and family in their beloved neighborhood; and

14 WHEREAS, Make It Right has proven that it is possible to build safe, healthy, and
15 energy-efficient homes that are also affordable; and

16 WHEREAS, Make It Right is a real-world training program for local tradespeople
17 and businesses, helping position New Orleans at the center of the movement toward
18 sustainable construction; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition to approaching completion of its first one hundred fifty
20 homes in New Orleans, Make It Right has begun developing projects in Newark, Kansas
21 City, and other United States communities in need; and

22 WHEREAS, since 2007, Make it Right has turned a tragedy into an opportunity by
23 helping countless Louisiana families return to safe and sustainable homes and helping the
24 city of New Orleans transition into a twenty-first century city; and

25 WHEREAS, the citizens of Louisiana take pride in the fact that Brad Pitt and his
26 family have chosen to establish a home in the great city of New Orleans; and

27 WHEREAS, the Make it Right Foundation merits a special measure of
28 commendation for its extraordinary contributions to the city of New Orleans.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
30 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Brad Pitt and the Make it Right Foundation

1 for providing affordable, green housing to residents of the city of New Orleans and does
2 hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous honor and pride that Mr. Pitt and
3 the entire Make It Right family bring to the city of New Orleans, the state of Louisiana, and
4 the United States of America.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
6 to Brad Pitt.

DIGEST

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