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1 diligently working toward alleviating scientific illiteracy;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Hale urges everyone to look at the "wonders of
4 the universe" and to use the inspiration they thereby receive
5 to confront the many challenges facing our society today; and

6 WHEREAS, in that spirit, Hale led two delegations of
7 Americans on "science diplomacy" expeditions to Iran and thus
8 utilized astronomy as a tool to foster improved relations with
9 the citizens of that nation; and

10 WHEREAS, Hale also journeyed to Zimbabwe and, through
11 astronomy, has had the opportunity to issue comforting and
12 encouraging statements in support of the citizens of that
13 nation; and

14 WHEREAS, inspired by these and other similar experiences,
15 Hale developed the Earthrise project in 2002 to inspire and
16 encourage the next generation of students around the world to
17 collaborate in efforts to investigate the mysteries of the
18 universe; and

19 WHEREAS, Earthrise takes its name from the images of Earth
20 taken by the Apollo astronauts, which reveal Earth as "a small
21 jewel in space with no political boundaries"; and

22 WHEREAS, Earthrise founders hope that participants will
23 learn to "share in their common humanity and grow up to see
24 their counterparts in other countries as friends and
25 colleagues";

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