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Whereas, Stanford University is committed to helping tackle climate change by integrating its best students into California's energy and climate public policy discussions through Stanford Energy Internships in California, an energy-related summer internship program for undergraduate and graduate students; and

Whereas, The Stanford Energy Internships in California, which is in its inaugural year, placed 10 students in California government at the California Energy Commission, California Air Resources Board, and the California Department of Water Resources; as well as at the California Independent System Operator, and

Whereas, The Stanford Energy Internships in California is managed by the Precourt Institute for Energy and provides energy-related, public service internships connecting academic study with public service to strengthen communities and develop effective public leaders; and

Whereas, As a partnership between the Precourt Institute for Energy, the Bill Lane Center for the America West, and Stanford in Government -- a student-led affiliate of the Haas Center for Public Service -- the Stanford Energy Internships in California program inspires Stanford University students to realize a just and sustainable world through service, scholarship, and community partnerships; and

Whereas, the Energy Commission, the state's primary energy policy and planning agency, provided 2016 public service summer fellowships to students Alexandria Smith, Esteban Guerrero, Jeff Lin, and Terra Weeks; and

Whereas, Alexandria Smith, an intern in the office of the Energy Commission Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller, assisted with the reviewing and editing of a number of Energy Commission distributed energy resource reports, as well as coordination and providing assistance to the California Public Utilities Commission and More Than Smart initiative which considers a changing energy sector to a modern, flexible distributed energy system; and

Whereas, Terra Weeks, an intern in the office of Commissioner David Hochschild, assisted in developing local and community renewable strategies, provided analysis to improve the award-winning New Solar Homes Partnership program, and assisted with stakeholder engagement; and

Whereas, Jeff Lin, an intern in the office of Commissioner Andrew McAllister, worked on the California Clean Energy Jobs Act, also known as Proposition 39, deploying data analytics to evaluate energy consumption at school sites, and worked on the 2019 California Building Energy Efficiency Standards analyzing zero net-energy features in new construction; and

Whereas, Esteban Guerrero, an intern in the office of Commissioner Hochschild, supported the implementation of new laws, regulations, and programs, such as SB 350 and the implementation of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.'s California-Mexico Memorandum of Understanding; and

Whereas, Dian Grueneich, senior research scholar at Stanford University; Sally Benson, co-director of the Precourt Institute for Energy; Bruce Cain, director of the Bill Lane Center for the American West; and Sunny Wang, program manager of the Precourt Institute for Energy helped initiate the Stanford energy internships. This comes as California aims to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, increase the use of renewable energy, reduce petroleum use in cars and trucks, and double the energy efficiency of existing buildings by 2030.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Energy Commission recognizes and thanks the
Stanford Energy Internships in California Program
for providing students opportunities to engage in intensive, professional experiences that deepen their understandings of public service and aspiring to develop aware, engaged and thoughtful citizens who contribute to the realization of a more just and humane world.