



Proclamation

WHEREAS, CajunBot was one of only 13 elite finalists that competed for a \$1 million prize in the Grand Challenge held in March 2004 by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency of the U.S. Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, CajunBot is an innovative autonomous ground vehicle, developed by the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, that is capable of navigating on its own; and

WHEREAS, it is guided by software that utilizes Global Positioning System Technology and by lasers that survey terrain to detect obstacles; and

WHEREAS, CajunBot represents the extraordinary research capabilities of higher education in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the creation of CajunBot was supported by many individuals and businesses across Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, technological advances made by vehicles such as CajunBot could be adapted by the U.S. military to produce unmanned ground combat forces that could reduce the number of human troops on the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, robotics technology developed for CajunBot could have applications in businesses and industry, spurring economic development and creating new jobs for graduates of Louisiana's colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, CajunBot has already qualified to compete in DARPA's Grand Challenge in 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2004, as

CAJUNBOT DAY

in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor

[Signature of Kathleen Babineaux Blanco]
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 27th day of May
A.D., 2004.*

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana