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Ms. Wyche has been an exceptional director for NASA’s Johnson Space Center, located in the city of Houston, Texas. She has been a driving force in expanding the exploration of space in science and education. As a result, she is responsible for overseeing a broad range of human spaceflight activities, including development of new space habitats, commercialization of low-Earth orbit, and the Center’s role in leading the first woman and first person of color to the surface of the Moon. Under Wyche’s leadership, NASA JSC was recognized by Forbes and Sinatra’s List as the No. 1 best employer among Texas-based employers.

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