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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that in the paper Graczyk, Pietrzyński, Thompson, et al. 2014, ApJ, 780, 59, "*THE ARAUCARIA PROJECT. THE DISTANCE TO THE SMALL MAGELLANIC CLOUD FROM LATE-TYPE ECLIPSING BINARIES*", my part was to prepare some observational proposals, to perform part of the spectroscopic observations, to discuss the paper content, and to improve the language of the paper by editing the English.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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