**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ALI ROGERS FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL POISE, TALENT, AND BEAUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED MISS SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 AND THE FIRST RUNNER UP IN THE MISS AMERICA PAGEANT.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were pleased to learn that Ali Rogers of Laurens County was crowned Miss South Carolina in July 2012 and was the first runner up in the Miss America Pageant; and

Whereas, a junior on the Dean’s List at Clemson University with a major in communication studies and public relations, she was the recipient of the P. W. McAlister full scholarship and plans to pursue a career in the public relations field or broadcasting; and

Whereas, a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, she has served as a Clemson University student senator, a Communication Studies Ambassador, the student representative for the College of Arts and Humanities Board of Advisors, and a South Carolina student legislator; and

Whereas, Ali served as an intern for South Carolina’s United States Senator Lindsey Graham and as an intern for the Clemson football program; and

Whereas, using her Miss South Carolina personal platform, “Making a Difference for Children with Disabilities,” she travels across the State serving various organizations, centers, and groups as an advocate and a voice for children with special needs; and

Whereas, she serves as the state spokesperson for PalmettoPride, South Carolina’s anti‑litter organization, and as the state representative for the Miss America Organization’s national platform, the Children’s Miracle Network; and

Whereas, Ali was honored with the President’s Volunteer Service Award for four consecutive years, and she is a bronze, silver, and gold recipient of the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award; and

Whereas, Ali was elected class president all four years in high school, sat as first‑chair violist in the honors Chamber Orchestra, was captain of the varsity golf and softball teams at Laurens District 55 High School, was named the United States Marine Corp’s Athlete of the Year, and was a Wendy’s Heisman winner; and

Whereas, she served the State as Miss South Carolina Teen 2009, was the overall talent winner and a top‑ten finalist at Miss America’s Outstanding Teen, and addressed more than 12,000 students across the State about her personal platform, “Teens Against Underage Drinking” during her reign; and

Whereas, for her advocacy against underage drinking, Ali was recognized by the South Carolina Sheriff’s Association and the South Carolina General Assembly; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the outstanding contributions that Ali Rogers made as she represented the Palmetto State in her former role as Miss South Carolina Teen 2009 and now continues as Miss South Carolina 2012, and the members look forward to hearing of her ongoing accomplishments in the future. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Ali Rogers for her exceptional poise, talent, and beauty and congratulate her for being named Miss South Carolina 2012 and the first runner up in the Miss America Pageant.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Ali Rogers.

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