**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE SUZI ROBERTS, MISS SOUTH CAROLINA 2017, OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, AND TO COMMEND THE DISCIPLINE, ASPIRATIONS, AND TALENT THAT HAVE ENABLED HER TO REPRESENT THE PALMETTO STATE WITH DIGNITY AND POISE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives note with great pride that Suzi Roberts was named Miss South Carolina 2017 and has been an excellent ambassador for our State during her reign; and

Whereas, possessing both talent and intelligence, the twenty‑three‑year‑old beauty is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a degree in public relations and political science; and

Whereas, at the age of twelve, Suzi moved away from home to pursue formal ballet training with the International Ballet of Houston. Suzi was privileged to train at some of the finest academies in the world, including the American Ballet Theater and the Houston Ballet Academy at the highest level of its professional training program. She was chosen to represent the United States at several international ballet competitions, including the Prix de Lausanne in Switzerland and the Helsinki and Moscow international ballet competitions; and

Whereas, in college, Suzi traded in her pointe shoes for pom‑poms, dancing for the Pom Squad at the University of Texas at Austin and the nationally ranked Carolina Girls Dance Team at USC and then performing as an Atlanta Falcons cheerleader. During her time with the Falcons, Suzi commuted over twenty‑four hours a week to practices, performances, and appearances while maintaining a schedule as a full‑time student at the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, with pageantry as her vehicle, Suzi has served as a local Children’s Miracle Network ambassador and has become an avid child advocate and an experienced public speaker. She serves Richland County as a court‑appointed special advocate for children and is a public relations intern for Justice 360, a legal services nonprofit organization; and

Whereas, after completing her year of service with the Miss America Organization, Suzi will attend the University of South Carolina School of Law. She aspires to become a public interest attorney and policymaker with a focus on children’s issues; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in recognizing such an outstanding young woman and representative of this great State as Suzi Roberts, and the members wish her well as she continues her reign and pursues her dreams in the years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Suzi Roberts, Miss South Carolina 2017, of Pawleys Island, and commend the discipline, aspirations, and talent that have enabled her to represent the Palmetto State with dignity and poise.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Suzi Roberts.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑