**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BERKLEY BRYANT, MISS SOUTH CAROLINA TEEN 2018, OF ANDERSON, 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 are pleased to learn that Berkley Bryant was named Miss South Carolina Teen 2018 and has served as an excellent ambassador for the Palmetto State during her reign; and

Whereas, possessing both talent and intelligence, the seventeen‑year‑old Miss River City Teen was crowned Miss South Carolina Teen on Friday, June 29, 2018, in the finals of the competition held at the historic Township Auditorium in Columbia and competed in America’s Outstanding Teen Pageant in July 2018 in Orlando, Florida; and

Whereas, a cheerleader and National Honor Society student at T. L. Hanna High School, Berkley competed in the Miss South Carolina Teen pageant as Miss River City Teen; and

Whereas, she has studied tap dance since the age of three and was the preliminary talent winner performing a tap dance to “Runaway Baby” by Bruno Mars, and she dazzled the judges and crowd alike with a black and white evening gown; and

Whereas, over three days of preliminaries, contestants were divided into groups to compete in the talent, swimsuit and evening‑wear, and on‑stage‑question categories, from which the pool of sixteen finalists were chosen for the Miss Teen pageant; and

Whereas, based on her fitness, health, intelligence, style and talent,Berkley was chosen in the final round by a panel of judges and now has a head start on paying for her college education with the award of a ten thousand-dollar scholarship as part of her winnings; and

Whereas, the pageant seeks to empower young women and see them succeed, so the contestants mentor younger girls called “princesses,” who together raised more than sixteen thousand dollars in 2018 for the Children’s Miracle Network in South Carolina, in addition to the scholarship money awarded through the pageant; and

Whereas, realizing the great division in the country at this time, Berkley was inspired by her student‑athlete buddy at school, a girl who has special needs, to center her platform on the hashtag #StrongerTogether. Her new friendship has helped her to realize that our differences make us unique and can be helpful in bringing people together; and

Whereas, after completing her year of service as Miss South Carolina Teen, she wants to attend Clemson University to major in biology with plans to pursue a medical degree in dentistry and open a pediatric dental practice; 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 Berkley Bryant, 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 Berkley Bryant, Miss South Carolina Teen 2018, of Anderson 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 Berkley Bryant.

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