

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On July 12, 2003, Laura Jane Talbert was named the  
2 first-ever Miss Hidalgo County, to the immense delight of her  
3 parents, Rick and Lupita Talbert, and her many relatives, friends,  
4 and schoolmates; and

5           WHEREAS, This crown is only the latest in a remarkably  
6 successful pageant career, during which she has been awarded the  
7 titles of Miss Springsweet 1997, Miss Onion Blossom 1999, and Miss  
8 Springtime 2000, among many others; and

9           WHEREAS, A senior at Weslaco High School, Ms. Talbert is  
10 cocaptain of her varsity volleyball team and is a lettered member of  
11 the varsity basketball team; she is admired and respected by peers  
12 and teachers alike, having served as student council vice president  
13 during her sophomore year, as a sportswriter for the school  
14 newspaper, and as a member of the yearbook staff; she recently  
15 attended the Collegiate World Series at Texas A&M University, where  
16 she was honored with the event's highest award, and as a participant  
17 in the Lorenzo de Zavala Youth Legislative Session, she was  
18 nominated for the title of Most Persuasive Debater; and

19           WHEREAS, In addition to pursuing her scholastic and  
20 extracurricular interests, this hardworking young woman has  
21 devoted her time, talents, and resources to many worthwhile civic  
22 organizations in the Weslaco area; a junior volunteer at the Knapp  
23 Medical Center, she has volunteered and participated in such events  
24 as the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the Rio Grande

1 Valley Cancer Classic Golf Tournament, and her work in behalf of the  
2 Weslaco Lions Club has helped ensure the success of the group's  
3 Sharing Christmas Project; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Talbert, who is graduating from high school as a  
5 Texas Scholar and Distinguished Achievement Plan Scholar, plans to  
6 attend Southwestern University in Georgetown, where she will pursue  
7 a degree in forensic science before embarking on a career as a  
8 forensic pathologist; she can take great pride in her diverse  
9 accomplishments, and the citizens of the Lone Star State join in  
10 commending her for her exemplary achievements; now, therefore, be  
11 it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
13 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Laura Jane  
14 Talbert of Weslaco on being crowned Miss Hidalgo County 2003-2004  
15 and extend to her best wishes for continued success and happiness in  
16 all her endeavors; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Ms. Talbert as an expression of high regard by the  
19 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 193

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 193 was adopted by the House on  
October 8, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House