

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 95

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Brittnie Simmons of San Antonio as a distinguished young citizen of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Brittnie Simmons is the current Junior Miss Wheelchair Texas; born with spina bifida, she has been paraplegic since birth; she was raised on her mother's "No Boundaries" philosophy, and she personifies an exemplary determination to excel in all she undertakes; and

WHEREAS, At the age of five, Brittnie learned to explore her world on a motorized Barbie Jeep that was specially altered for her; in elementary school, she participated in the Bike Rodeo on a 36-speed, hand-pedaled mountain bicycle; she has been a member of her school's cheerleading squad, and she enjoys dancing at In Flight Dance; and

WHEREAS, Brittnie has performed at the Alamodome in San Antonio and at Reunion Arena in Dallas, and she has been featured on ESPN; she is scheduled to perform for the halftime show at the Special Olympics Regionals in 2004 and at the 2005 Goodwill Games; and

WHEREAS, In her role as the Junior Miss Wheelchair Texas, Brittnie speaks to disabled inner-city students, bringing them hope and inspiring them to follow their dreams; and

WHEREAS, Brittnie's true ambition and drive along with her admirable courage and her many accomplishments have made her a genuine role model and an inspiration for all the young people of Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby recognize Brittnie Simmons as a distinguished young citizen of Texas and extend best wishes to her for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 6, 2004.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate