

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is proud to  
2 welcome the reigning Miss America, Erika Harold, to the State  
3 Capitol on this day, which also happens to be her birthday; and

4           WHEREAS, A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of  
5 Illinois, where she was also a Chancellor Scholar, the former Miss  
6 Illinois is as intelligent as she is lovely, and she was named to  
7 the *USA Today* All-USA College Academic Second Team and has been  
8 accepted to Harvard Law School; and

9           WHEREAS, Ms. Harold possesses the beauty and grace that are  
10 always associated with Miss America, but she is also distinguished  
11 by her determination to serve as a role model for young people; her  
12 interest in empowering American youth against violence is  
13 reflected in her platform, "Respect Yourself, Protect Yourself";  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, An active force for positive change in our society,  
16 Ms. Harold has served as a spokesperson for the Teen Victims Project  
17 of the National Center for Victims of Crime as well as a  
18 spokesperson for Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, and she has devoted  
19 her time and energy to such worthy organizations as the National  
20 Board of Directors for the Center of Youth as Resources, the  
21 Advisory Council for the Empower Program, and the National Advisory  
22 Board for Peace Games; and

23           WHEREAS, This charming and inspirational young woman is  
24 indeed an ideal choice to represent our nation in her role as Miss

1 America, and she is truly worthy of special legislative recognition  
2 at this time; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Erika Harold, Miss America 2003, on  
5 the occasion of her birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes  
6 for continued success; and, be it further

7       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for Ms. Harold as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
9 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 289

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 289 was adopted by the House on  
February 20, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House