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H.R. No. 513

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Joanna Blackwell of Center was crowned Miss Rodeo  
2 USA on January 15, 2005, at the International Finals Rodeo in  
3 Oklahoma City; and

4           WHEREAS, During the week-long competition held at the  
5 Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, Ms. Blackwell took part in interviews  
6 and fashion shows, exhibited her horsemanship skills, and  
7 demonstrated her knowledge of the agriculture industry and current  
8 affairs; and

9           WHEREAS, Ms. Blackwell has also reigned as the Texas High  
10 School, National High School, and Shelby County Rodeo Queen and as  
11 Miss Shelby County; an accomplished horsewoman, she has  
12 additionally captured the title of Rookie Cowboy, given by the  
13 Texas High School Rodeo Association, and holds membership in such  
14 groups as Friends of Rodeo, the American Quarter Horse Association,  
15 the American Paint Horse Association, and the National Barrel Horse  
16 Association; and

17           WHEREAS, This Stephen F. Austin State University senior is  
18 majoring in communication, with an emphasis on television and  
19 radio, and minoring in Spanish; she plans to obtain a master's  
20 degree in communication from Louisiana State University; and

21           WHEREAS, On leave from college for the next year, she will  
22 visit rodeos throughout the country to promote Miss Rodeo USA and  
23 the International Professional Rodeo Association, as well as to  
24 share her platform--communication among the myriad cultures of our

1 nation and the bringing together of people through the sport of  
2 rodeo; and

3 WHEREAS, The daughter of proud parents Willis and Ann  
4 Blackwell, this exceptional young woman is further supported in all  
5 her endeavors by her brothers and sister, Rick, Will, and Julie; and

6 WHEREAS, With her love for the rodeo, her proficiency at the  
7 sport, and her great poise and charm, Joanna Blackwell will clearly  
8 discharge the duties of her new office with enthusiasm and  
9 professionalism, and it is a pleasure to wish her well; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Joanna Blackwell on being named the  
13 40th Miss Rodeo USA and extend to her sincere best wishes for  
14 continued success and fulfillment; and, be it further

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