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H.R. No. 615

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Miss Texas Shilah Phillips was named first runner-up  
2 to Miss America on January 29, 2007; and

3 WHEREAS, A 2000 graduate of the Denver School of the Arts, Ms.  
4 Phillips studied jazz music at Howard University before moving to  
5 Los Angeles to pursue a singing career; she subsequently moved to  
6 Texas to be near her mother and stepfather and competed in her first  
7 pageant for the title of Miss Frisco, which she won in 2005; less  
8 than a year later, she became the first African American to be  
9 crowned Miss Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to winning first runner-up, she was a  
11 preliminary talent winner for her vocal performance of, "I Believe  
12 in You and Me"; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips is a jazz studies and voice student at  
14 the University of North Texas, and she maintains a busy speaking  
15 schedule, sharing her message, "Never Give Up" with people  
16 throughout the state; and

17 WHEREAS, Shilah Phillips distinguished herself with dignity,  
18 grace, and charisma at the 2007 Miss America competition, and she is  
19 a source of great pride for citizens of the Lone Star State; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Shilah Phillips on being named  
23 first runner-up to Miss America and extend to her sincere best  
24 wishes for continued happiness and success; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for Ms. Phillips as an expression of high regard by the  
3 Texas House of Representatives.