

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 765

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Shilah Phillips, who earned the title of Miss Texas 2006; and

WHEREAS, The first African American to hold the title of Miss Texas, Shilah was selected from a group of hardworking and talented contestants to represent the Lone Star State at the Miss America pageant; she won the preliminary talent contest and finished as first runner-up at the Miss America pageant on January 29, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Shilah competed for the title of Miss Texas as Miss Frisco and won the crown in her first attempt, only the second woman ever to win the title on her first try; she is currently representing Texas on a speaking tour entitled "Never Give Up," which emphasizes to young people the importance of staying in school, maintaining healthy lifestyles, and keeping dreams alive; and

WHEREAS, Shilah has extensive musical training; she attended the Denver School of Performing Arts for seven years; after graduating from high school, she studied jazz music at the prestigious Howard University, where she received the Most Outstanding Vocalist Award; she has been accepted into the University of North Texas' renowned jazz studies-voice program; and

WHEREAS, A role model for all young Texans, Shilah serves as an exemplary goodwill ambassador for the Lone Star State, and she can truly look forward to a bright future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby congratulate Shilah Phillips on earning the title of Miss Texas 2006 and extend best wishes to her in all her future endeavors; and, be it further

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

Shapiro

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 23, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate