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H.R. No. 925

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Michelle Jackson has been named a Cherry Blossom
2 Princess, and this notable young Texan is serving as a worthy
3 representative for the Lone Star State as a participant in the 2009
4 National Cherry Blossom Festival; and

5 WHEREAS, Held March 28 through April 12 this year, the annual
6 event commemorates the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry trees to the city
7 of Washington from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo; more than 700,000
8 people visit our nation's capital each year to admire the
9 blossoming cherry trees that herald the beginning of spring and
10 celebrate the special friendship between Japan and the United
11 States; and

12 WHEREAS, Since 1948, each state has selected an accomplished
13 young woman to share its traditions and history with national and
14 international visitors and dignitaries; designated Cherry Blossom
15 Princesses, they participate in educational, leadership, and
16 cultural activities as ambassadors of their state and nation; and

17 WHEREAS, A most deserving honoree, Michelle Jackson is the
18 daughter of Senator Mike Jackson and his wife, Vickie; Ms. Jackson
19 is knowledgeable about Texas history and government as a former
20 tour guide at the State Capitol and intern for Congressman John
21 Culberson; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Jackson is a magna cum laude graduate of St.
23 Edward's University, where she volunteered her time to benefit
24 others as a member of the Alpha Psi Omega theater service

1 fraternity; as a high school student in her hometown of La Porte,
2 she was active in student council, the National Honor Society, and
3 Girl Scouts; she also distinguished herself as first vice chair of
4 the La Porte 4-H, president of her school's orchestra, and vice
5 president of her senior class; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to earning the Gold Award, the highest
7 achievement in the Girl Scout program, Ms. Jackson was named
8 Outstanding Girl for 2004 by the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of
9 Commerce; and

10 WHEREAS, Michelle Jackson has long demonstrated great
11 talent, leadership, and initiative, and her efforts have made her
12 an outstanding recipient of this prestigious honor; now, therefore,
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Michelle Jackson on her selection
16 as the 2009 Cherry Blossom Princess for the State of Texas and
17 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success in all of
18 her endeavors; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Ms. Jackson as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.