SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 378

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in recognizing Rebecca Robinson, who holds the well-earned title of Miss Texas 2008; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Texas A&M University, Rebecca also was a student at Universidad de Salamanca in Spain; she grew up on a cattle ranch and was a member of the Future Farmers of America while attending Buffalo High School; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 16, Rebecca traveled the state as a motivational speaker, and since then, she has taken on numerous other leadership roles and a multitude of responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, She is fluent in Spanish, speaks conversational French, and has been studying Portuguese; her employment has included serving as a translator and as a bilingual educator; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca entered the Miss Texas pageant as Miss Longview, and she was chosen from a group of hardworking and talented contestants to represent the Lone Star State at the Miss America pageant; at the Miss America pageant, she was selected as Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca's ambitions include pursuing a master's degree in modern languages and applied linguistics and obtaining a doctorate in Luso-Brazilian literature; her interests center on helping to eradicate cultural barriers, and she is focused on utilizing her bilingual capabilities to facilitate links between the Spanish-speaking and the English-speaking communities; and

WHEREAS, As Miss Texas, Rebecca offers presentations at schools or educational events through her Texas Cares for Children Program; it is a character education program that

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involves teaching young people about the tools needed to find success in today's society; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca is an exemplary young woman of style, grace, and charm, and her many accomplishments are a reflection of her intelligence and hard work; a role model for all young Texans, she sets high standards, and her pursuit of excellence in all of her endeavors is an inspiration to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby congratulate Rebecca Robinson on her exceptional achievements and on earning the title of Miss Texas 2008 and extend to her best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 18, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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