

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 457

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

WHEREAS, Sydney Capello is a sophomore at Carroll High School in Southlake, Texas; she is in the Gifted and Talented Program and is an honor roll student; a highly accomplished vocalist, she has sung the National Anthem before a crowd of 40,000, performed as an opening act for the Jonas Brothers, and earned a Stairway to the Stars Solo Vocalist Award; and

WHEREAS, During the past eight years, Sydney has volunteered for over 3,000 hours of community service and has taken on numerous leadership roles and responsibilities; she has participated in more than 300 shows with "God's Country Kids" and has enjoyed raising the spirits of senior citizens; she has recently become involved in an outdoor ministry that embraces the poor, homeless, and hungry in downtown Fort Worth; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, she joined three other girls with family histories of cancer to form *Girls4Life*, a singing group that has partnered with the American Cancer Society, the Komen Foundation, and LiveStrong and performed for cancer fund-raising events throughout North Texas; and

WHEREAS, As Miss Teen Texas, Sydney travels the state spreading her message of "Be Better, Not Bitter: Overcoming Adversity"; the focus of her platform is "happiness is a choice"; she knows adversity firsthand, and she directs her efforts toward empowering people of all ages and inspiring them to take

responsibility for their happiness and for becoming the best they can with what they have been given; and

WHEREAS, Sydney is an exemplary young lady who takes seriously the duties of Miss Teen Texas; she is dedicated to representing her state with grace and dignity, and her many interests and accomplishments reflect her sincerity 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 Sydney Capello on her exceptional achievements and on earning the title of Miss Teen 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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