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H.R. No. 490

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Meshaila Favard was crowned the Pre-Teen Division  
2 winner at the 2017 Miss Juneteenth Baytown Pageant, held on June 9  
3 at the J. D. Walker Community Center; and

4           WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Rho Omicron Omega chapter of Alpha  
5 Kappa Alpha Sorority, the pageant is part of Baytown's annual  
6 Juneteenth festival, which commemorates the official end of slavery  
7 in Texas; and

8           WHEREAS, On June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Major General Gordon  
9 Granger issued an order in accordance with the Emancipation  
10 Proclamation, freeing all the slaves in the State of Texas; in the  
11 years since, the anniversary of this act of liberation has been  
12 celebrated with gatherings that are both joyful and reflective;  
13 layered with meaning, these Juneteenth observances pay tribute to  
14 all those who endured the rigors of slavery, honor their  
15 immeasurable contributions to the development of this state and  
16 nation, and recognize the myriad accomplishments of the generations  
17 that have followed; and

18           WHEREAS, Through her outstanding performance in the 2017 Miss  
19 Juneteenth Baytown Pageant, Meshaila Favard has brought great pride  
20 to her family and her community, and it is a pleasure to honor her  
21 for this notable achievement; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
23 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Meshaila  
24 Favard on being crowned the Pre-Teen Division winner at the 2017

1 Miss Juneteenth Baytown Pageant and extend to her sincere best  
2 wishes for the future; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for Meshaila Favard as an expression of high regard by the  
5 Texas House of Representatives.