

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Reagan Elder was crowned the Princess 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, Reagan Elder has brought great pride to
20 her family and her community, and it is a pleasure to honor her for
21 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 Reagan Elder
24 on being crowned the Princess Division winner at the 2017 Miss

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

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 491 was adopted by the House on August 15, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House