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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Madison Swain achieved great distinction with her 2 exceptional performance in the 2023 Miss Juneteenth USA Pageant, 3 which took place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 14, 4 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, Established in 2020, the National Miss Juneteenth 6 Scholarship Pageant Program promotes community service, education, 7 and cultural awareness while celebrating Juneteenth, a holiday 8 commemorating the end of slavery in the United States; the program 9 provides African American youth from across the country with the 10 opportunity to earn scholarship prizes, and the Miss Juneteenth USA 11 pageant is open to young women ages 15 to 18; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Swain represented Texas at the 2023 Miss Juneteenth USA Pageant, where she was named first runner-up; she 13 14 also took home first place in the talent portion of the contest and for her essay; she was previously 15 second place crowned 16 Ms. Juneteenth at the Juneteenth Development Inc. Scholarship Gala in Galveston County, and over the course of her reign, she has 17 participated in events such as Galveston's Juneteenth parade, and 18 she has visited schools and churches to speak with young people; and 19

20 WHEREAS, A skilled dancer, Ms. Swain previously served as 21 colonel of the Stingarette Drill Team at Texas City High School, and 22 following her graduation, she was recruited by the award-winning 23 Buccaneers Dance Team at Blinn College in Brenham; she plans to 24 pursue a career as a dance teacher; and

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1 WHEREAS, Through her participation in the 2023 Miss 2 Juneteenth USA Pageant, Madison Swain has served as an inspiring 3 role model and ambassador for the Lone Star State, and it is a 4 pleasure to honor her for this notable achievement; now, therefore, 5 be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas 7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Madison Swain 8 on being named the first runner-up at the 2023 Miss Juneteenth USA 9 Pageant and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued 10 success; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 12 prepared for Ms. Swain as an expression of high regard by the Texas 13 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 70 was adopted by the House on November 1, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House