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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing Jennifer Lauren Berrian on
3 her election as Girls State Governor and Girls Nation
4 President.

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6 WHEREAS, Jennifer Lauren Berrian, the 17-year-old daughter
7 of Pastor Tobbie and Mrs. Sharon Berrian, was born on September
8 12, 1994, in Tallahassee, and

9 WHEREAS, in 2011, Jennifer Berrian, then 16 years old, was
10 elected Governor of Girls State by 300 of her peers attending
11 the coveted and highly competitive Florida American Legion
12 Auxiliary leadership program, and

13 WHEREAS, Jennifer was then selected as one of two delegates
14 to represent Florida at the American Legion Auxiliary Girls
15 Nation's elite leadership program held in Washington, D.C., and

16 WHEREAS, after a significantly challenging series of
17 campaigns, Jennifer Lauren Berrian was elected President of
18 Girls Nation on July 27, 2011, and given the responsibility to
19 lead 97 other young ladies representing 49 states, and

20 WHEREAS, as the third national president from Florida since
21 the program's inception in 1947, Jennifer Berrian is the "face"
22 of Girls Nation, serving as a true national role model for young
23 people throughout America, and

24 WHEREAS, during both Girls State and Girls Nation, Ms.
25 Berrian led and participated in dynamic leadership and civics
26 programs designed for superior high school women to experience
27 state and federal governance at their highest levels, and

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28 WHEREAS, through this proven leadership laboratory,
29 Jennifer helped operate the Girls Nation's government by
30 overseeing the election of its leaders, writing bills for
31 debate, running legislative sessions, and dynamically engaging
32 with state and federal Representatives and Senators, exposing
33 her to the same principles and processes that occur on an actual
34 state and federal scale, and

35 WHEREAS, during her Girls Nation experience, Jennifer met
36 with President Barack Obama and United States Senators from
37 Florida, visited Walter Reed Army Hospital, and attended a
38 wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and

39 WHEREAS, Ms. Berrian has publicly expressed her
40 appreciation to an array of teachers and leaders, who serve as
41 her mentors, for helping to instill in her the knowledge and
42 education that helped build and support her rise to this high
43 national leadership post, and

44 WHEREAS, Jennifer Lauren Berrian was also recognized by the
45 Florida Commission on the Status of Women with its Florida
46 Achievement Award, which is given to those who have served as
47 positive role models for women and girls in their communities,
48 and

49 WHEREAS, Jennifer Lauren Berrian, a High Honor Roll senior
50 in the International Baccalaureate Program at James S. Rickards
51 High School, also serves as President of the Rickards National
52 Honor Society Chapter, Vice President of Model United Nations,
53 Vice President of Junior Achievement, a member of the Fellowship
54 of Christian Athletes, and the Rickards High School Volunteer of

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55 | the Year and is a ranked player in shot put and discus at the
56 | city, district, regional, and state levels, and

57 | WHEREAS, Jennifer Lauren Berrian plans to become a
58 | neurosurgeon and ultimately run for political office so that she
59 | can continue giving back to her community, NOW, THEREFORE,

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61 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
62 | Florida:

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64 | That Jennifer Lauren Berrian is recognized and
65 | congratulated for her election as Girls State Governor and Girls
66 | Nation President, in addition to her numerous other
67 | distinguished academic accomplishments.

68 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
69 | presented to Jennifer Lauren Berrian as a tangible token of the
70 | sentiments expressed herein.