

House Resolution 1500

By: Representative Rynders of the 152nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Carly Mathis, Miss Georgia 2013, and inviting her to be recognized by the
2 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Carly Mathis was selected as Miss Georgia in June, 2013, and represented the
4 state in exceptional fashion at the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey; and

5 WHEREAS, this talented young lady was one of the seven National Finalists for the Quality
6 of Life Award, recognizing her outstanding commitment to community service; one of three
7 Preliminary Winners for Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit; and one of the Top 10 Finalists
8 who competed on live on ABC for the title of Miss America 2014; and

9 WHEREAS, Carly is a 2013 graduate of the University of Georgia's Grady School of
10 Journalism, where she majored in digital and broadcast news and minored in communication
11 studies; and

12 WHEREAS, as Miss Georgia, Carly has taken her volunteer service for the American Heart
13 Association and Project S.A.V.E state-wide by promoting heart health and heart safety to a
14 wide variety of audiences and government leaders; and

15 WHEREAS, she was named to the 2013-2014 American Heart Association Georgia
16 Advocacy Committee and has made numerous personal appearances and filmed public
17 service announcements for the organization; and

18 WHEREAS, Carly also encourages elementary and middle school girls to embrace their inner
19 beauty, while increasing their physical activity and adopting heart-healthy habits; and

20 WHEREAS, a popular vocalist, Carly has performed for many major events in this state,
21 including singing the National Anthem at Turner Field before an Atlanta Braves game and
22 performing at the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame; and

23 WHEREAS, she began her involvement with the Miss America Organization when she was
24 13, as Miss Albany's Outstanding Teen in 2008, and would later serve as Miss Historic
25 Southern Plains 2011 and Miss Georgia Cotton 2012; and

26 WHEREAS, through her participation in Miss Georgia and Miss America, Carly has earned
27 more than \$38,000 in cash scholarships to fund her undergraduate degree and law school;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, in addition to winning the state title, Carly is the only participant in modern
30 history to take top honors in every category at Miss Georgia, having won the overall
31 interview, talent, swimsuit, and evening gown awards.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Carly Mathis, Miss Georgia 2013, for her outstanding
34 work with the Miss America Organization and for being an exemplary citizen of the State
35 of Georgia and invite her to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time
36 to be determined by the Speaker of the House.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Carly Mathis.