

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 184

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Morgan Ann Mathis on being crowned the 2016 ANTSO National Miss.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those emerging community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative individual is Morgan Ann Mathis, who was recently crowned the 2016 ANTSO National Miss; and

WHEREAS, America's National Teenager Scholarship Program (ANTSO) is the longest running premier pageant for teens in the United States; its state and national programs combine the elements of glamour, scholarship, style, and service; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Wayne County High School, Ms. Mathis is a senior at the University of North Alabama, where she is studying exercise science; following graduation, she plans to attend occupational therapy school; and

WHEREAS, entering the pageant as the Miss Tennessee ANTSO National Miss, Morgan Mathis competed against other state title winners and persevered to claim her sash and crown with cleverness and style; and

WHEREAS, as ANTSO's National Miss, Ms. Mathis will represent the organization's mission of promoting strong scholastic ideals, solid leadership principles, and high character growth to young women; she was awarded a scholarship and the opportunity to serve as a positive role model to teens across America; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mathis works with organizations that ANTSO proudly supports such as The Miss Amazing Pageant, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and the Luila Village Ministries;

she also promotes her own platforms, including Abigail's Plan, autism awareness, and the Special Olympics; and

WHEREAS, as the 2016 ANTSO National Miss, Morgan Mathis traveled to Atlantic City, New Jersey, to promote the organization at the Miss America Pageant; she represented ANTSO as she participated in the Veterans Day Parade in New York City, New York, last November and the Chick-fil-A- Peach Bowl Parade in Atlanta, Georgia, on New Year's Eve; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Mathis's 2016 ANTSO National Miss pageant victory is a special source of pride for her family, her many friends, and the good people of Tennessee, and it is fitting that we specially recognize this remarkable young woman and her many accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Morgan Ann Mathis on being crowned the 2016 ANTSO National Miss and extend our best wishes for her every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.