

No. R-435. House concurrent resolution congratulating Jeanelle Achee of Rochester on her service as the 2013 Miss Vermont.

(H.C.R.325)

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes and Haas of Rochester

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Jeanelle Achee was raised in an off-the-grid cabin in Rochester, and her single mother struggled to provide for the family, and

Whereas, she will be a May 2014 graduate of the University of Vermont nursing program, and

Whereas, for the past year, Jeanelle Achee has been honored to serve as Miss Vermont 2013, and

Whereas, the personal platform she developed for her Miss Vermont candidacy and service year is titled *Stop the Silence: Advocating for Survivors of Sexual Violence & Promoting Healthy Relationships*, and

Whereas, during the past year, Jeanelle Achee has discussed the pertinent issue with audiences across the State, and

Whereas, Jeanelle Achee's platform topic coincides with her education and career goals to earn a Ph.D. in nursing in preparation for employment as a sexual assault nurse examiner, and

Whereas, while at UVM, Jeanelle Achee was active in many community service activities, compiling over 3,100 hours in these pursuits and winning four consecutive Miss America Community Service Awards, and

Whereas, as a recipient of scholarship awards from the Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization, she graduated from college nearly debt free, a major accomplishment for a student with few economic resources, and as a recipient of a Truman Scholarship, Jeanelle Achee was awarded an additional \$30,000.00 for her graduate studies, and

Whereas, Jeanelle Achee has used her Miss Vermont service year to encourage other young women to consider careers in science, technology, education, or mathematics, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jeanelle Achee of Rochester on her service as the 2013 Miss Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jeanelle Achee.