

House Resolution No. 4346

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Samantha Thomas, who has distinguished herself as the first Miss LU to become Miss National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame 2003-2004; and

Whereas, Samantha Thomas was among thirty-nine contestants to participate in the Competition of Black College Queens, which has been hosted by the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., since 1987; and

Whereas, Samantha and her fellow contestants were judged in the categories of speech, talent, evening gown, and interviews; and

Whereas, Samantha's speech was titled "Historically Black Colleges and Universities: the root of the black community", and she performed dazzling magic tricks for the talent competition, a first in the pageant's history; and

Whereas, Samantha Thomas began preparing for the Competition of Black College Queens after winning the Miss LU competition in April 2003; and

Whereas, in her new role as Miss National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame 2003-2004, Samantha Thomas looks forward to attending various speaking engagements, serving as the spokesperson for the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame, and working with the 100 Black Men of America, a group whose members perform community events; and

Whereas, a native of Chicago, Illinois, Samantha Thomas is a senior at Lincoln University in Jefferson City where she is studying broadcast journalism and preparing for an exciting career as a television news anchor:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Samantha Thomas at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all her future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Miss National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame 2003-2004, Samantha Thomas, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Yvonne S. Wilson
District No. 42

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4346, adopted October 6, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker