

House Resolution No. 1957

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State youths who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their achievements as students; and

Whereas, Natasha Victoria Merrell of Raymore, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a senior at Raymore-Peculiar High School in the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District of Cass County; and

Whereas, her high school's Homecoming Queen during the 2006-2007 school year, Natasha Merrell subsequently became the 2007 Missouri Homecoming Queen during the 27th Annual America's Homecoming Queen Pageant, which was held from March 10 to March 11, 2007, in Kansas City by the nonprofit America's Homecoming Queen, Incorporated, organization promoting education, educational travel, and community service in all fifty states; and

Whereas, the daughter of James D. and Paulia J. Merrell, Natasha Merrell will represent Raymore-Peculiar High School and the state of Missouri when she competes in the Homecoming Queen National Finals at Disneyland in southern California from July 27 through August 2, 2007; and

Whereas, ranked 10th in her graduating class of 390 students, Natasha Merrell has been active in Alternative Impact Club, Drama Club, National Forensic League, basketball, National Honor Society, Student Council, theater, Chamber Choir, KPTV Panther Television, her church youth group, and Youth Praise Band; and

Whereas, no stranger to academic and performance honors and accolades, Natasha Merrell enjoys piano and guitar, drama, singing, drawing and painting, and photography; and

Whereas, Natasha Merrell plans to further her education at Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri, after graduation from Raymore-Peculiar High School:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Natasha Merrell as the 2007 Miss Missouri Homecoming Queen and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as she competes in the National Finals from July 27 to August 2, 2007, at Disneyland in California; 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 presentation to Natasha Victoria Merrell of Raymore, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Baker
District No. 123

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1957, adopted April 16, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker