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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 271

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Commending Kristi Lauren Glakas.

Patrons—Cuccinelli and O'Brien; Delegate: Hugo

WHEREAS, Kristi Lauren Glakas of Centreville, a graduate of Centreville High School and a senior at George Mason University, was named Miss Virginia 2005; and

WHEREAS, Kristi Lauren Glakas' platform issue for her reign as Miss Virginia is "Enabling America's Youth to Achieve Excellence"; and

WHEREAS, representing Virginia in the 2006 Miss America Competition held on January 21, 2006, in Las Vegas, Nevada, Kristi Lauren Glakas was the 3rd runner-up, as well as the Preliminary Swimsuit Award winner; and

WHEREAS, on her website as Miss Virginia, Kristi Lauren Glakas serves as a role model for teens by addressing their concerns regarding substance abuse, peer pressure, and other problems they may face as young people in today's complex world; and

WHEREAS, a well-rounded youth growing-up, who enjoyed a multitude of interests, Kristi Lauren Glakas hiked the Appalachian Trail, counseled at a leadership-based outdoor skills camp, and worked as a stable hand in elementary school; she was a teen spokesperson for Locks of Love and donated 18 inches of her hair, which was cut off by Richard Simmons on his special show for charity; and

WHEREAS, Kristi Lauren Glakas is working towards a bachelor of arts degree in English and pre-medicine at George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, driven by a desire to help children and an interest in the treatment of childhood diseases, Kristi Lauren Glakas hopes to earn a doctorate of medicine and to become a pediatrician; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary student and role model, Kristi Lauren Glakas is a member of the George Mason University Dean's List and a Hoya Crystal Essay Scholarship winner; and

WHEREAS, Kristi Lauren Glakas was an honorary guest at the National Hellenic Awards and a keynote speaker for the Rotary International Annual Awards, the American Cancer Society's Annual Golf Tournament, and for several juvenile justice events; and

WHEREAS, an articulate spokesperson and advocate, Kristi Lauren Glakas raised over \$40,000 for Breast Cancer Awareness, was named Speaker of the Year by Tidewater Community College, and served on a forum on health care policy at Franklin Health Care Center; and

WHEREAS, Kristi Lauren Glakas has been interviewed "as a mentor for leadership" by Virginia Tech students, serves on the board of directors of Girls, Inc., and is a prominent spokesperson for "Right Decisions, Right Now," a substance-abuse prevention program; and

WHEREAS, a young woman of exceptional intelligence, talent, and dedication, Kristi Lauren Glakas is a most fitting representative of the Commonwealth as Miss Virginia 2005; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend Kristi Lauren Glakas on being named Miss Virginia 2005; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kristi Lauren Glakas as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and best wishes for continued success in all of her future endeavors.

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