

2006 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 271

Commending Kristi Lauren Glakas.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2006
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 10, 2006

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 hereby 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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