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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 357

Offered February 1, 2017

*Commending Michaela Gabriella Sigmon.*

Patrons—Cosgrove; Delegate: Leftwich

WHEREAS, Michaela Gabriella Sigmon, a native of Chesapeake who has made many valuable contributions to the community and the Commonwealth, was crowned Miss Virginia in July 2016; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated student, Michaela Sigmon is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in journalism with a minor in dance and performing arts from Old Dominion University, where she maintains a 4.0 GPA; and

WHEREAS, Michaela Sigmon has been a dancer since the age of four, and she is most comfortable on stage bringing joy to others through music and dance; she was honored to accept an invitation from a professional dance company, Master Works Touring Company, at the age of 16; and

WHEREAS, having won local, state, and national titles in dance, Michaela Sigmon has performed at events in Israel, New York City, and throughout the Commonwealth; prior to earning the title of Miss Virginia, she was named Miss Greater Richmond; and

WHEREAS, believing that "the greatest blessing is to be a blessing," Michaela Sigmon is a generous volunteer, and she created her platform, Making it Matter, to raise awareness of how choosing to lead a life of service can make a positive difference in the world; and

WHEREAS, as the 2016 Miss Virginia, Michaela Sigmon advanced to the 2017 Miss America pageant on September 11, 2016, in Atlantic City, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, with her extraordinary combination of beauty, intelligence, talent, compassion, and dedication to service, Michaela Sigmon has ably served the Commonwealth during her reign as Miss Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Michaela Gabriella Sigmon on being named Miss Virginia 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michaela Gabriella Sigmon as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for her achievements.

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