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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 228

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Commending Camille Thomasina Schrier.

Patrons—Hodges, Bloxom, Campbell, R.R., Cole, M.L., Edmunds, Fowler, Hope, Kilgore, Leftwich, Morefield, Orrock, Reid, Walker and Wright; Senators: Edwards, McDougale, Reeves and Ruff

WHEREAS, Camille Thomasina Schrier, a doctoral candidate at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy, was crowned Miss America on December 19, 2019, at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Connecticut, before a television audience of more than four million people; and

WHEREAS, Camille Schrier earned the nation's most prestigious pageant honor after several top finishes in earlier competitions; she was National American Miss Pennsylvania Teen in 2012, earning a first runner-up finish in that pageant's national competition the same year, followed by the title of Miss USA Ambassador Teen a year later; and

WHEREAS, the highlight of Camille Schrier's performance at the 99th Miss America pageant was the talent competition, in which she demonstrated the catalytic decomposition of hydrogen peroxide with potassium iodide, a popular experiment often referred to as "elephant's toothpaste"; and

WHEREAS, Camille Schrier cultivated an interest in science at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, where she graduated *cum laude*, dual majored in biochemistry and systems biology, and minored in chemistry; she was one year into her doctoral program at the Virginia Commonwealth School of Pharmacy when she was crowned Miss America; and

WHEREAS, competing on a platform that promoted drug safety and raised mental health awareness, Camille Schrier will push forward her social impact initiative, "Mind Your Meds: Drug Safety and Abuse Prevention from Pediatrics to Geriatrics," throughout her year as Miss America; and

WHEREAS, by challenging the stereotypes associated with the Miss America pageant and inspiring young girls to recognize their boundless potential, Camille Schrier has brought great distinction to the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Camille Thomasina Schrier for being crowned Miss America 2020; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Camille Thomasina Schrier as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and respect for her achievements and best wishes for the future.

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