

**No. R-84. House concurrent resolution congratulating Madison Cota of Bellows Falls on being named Miss Vermont USA 2017.**

(H.C.R.61)

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, Madison Cota is from Bellows Falls, and

Whereas, upon graduating from Vermont Academy in Saxtons River, Madison Cota has continued her education at Lasell College in Newton, Massachusetts where she is now a junior and is majoring in fashion merchandising, and

Whereas, her career goal is to work in the performance apparel industry, enabling her to combine an interest in fashion with her love of outdoor activities, such as hiking in Vermont's mountains, and

Whereas, aside from her studies, Madison Cota is a star player and co-captain of the college's Division III women's basketball team and has compiled an impressive record of points scored, assists, and rebounds, and

Whereas, although academics and athletics occupy much of Madison Cota's schedule, she has pursued successfully another interest as a pageant contestant, and

Whereas, in 2014, Madison Cota's hard work and tenacity earned her the Miss Vermont Teen USA title, and

Whereas, seeking to win an even more prestigious pageant crown, Madison Cota entered the 2017 Miss Vermont USA contest this past November in Stowe, and

Whereas, she excelled in each of the event's three categories: swimsuit, evening gown, and interview, and

Whereas, Madison Cota was especially proud of her performance in the interview, which is her favorite segment of the competition, and

Whereas, the judges were extremely impressed with Madison Cota's results in all the categories as she won the coveted 2017 Miss Vermont USA crown, and

Whereas, as Miss Vermont, she is speaking across Vermont on the importance of organ donation with the goal of increasing the number of registered donors, and

Whereas, Madison Cota will represent the Green Mountain State at the 2017 Miss USA pageant, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Madison Cota of Bellows Falls on being named Miss Vermont USA 2017 and wishes her every success in the Miss USA pageant and in her academic and athletic pursuits, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Madison Cota.