

No. R-46. House concurrent resolution congratulating Meara Seery of Brattleboro on being named Miss Vermont 2024.

(H.C.R.37)

Offered by Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Goodnow of Brattleboro, and Kornheiser of Brattleboro

Offered by Senators Harrison and Hashim

Whereas, the Miss Vermont contest is not merely a beauty pageant but a competition for scholarship awards that highlights the talents and interests of the contestants, who are from across the State, and

Whereas, Meara Seery, an impressive young woman from Brattleboro graduated, due to her creative initiative, debt-free from the George Washington University in Washington, DC as a photojournalism major, has worked as a digital producer in the office of U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders, among other projects documenting the impact of the devastating July 2023 flood, has been admitted to graduate school at Champlain College in Burlington, and is an outstanding vocal soloist, and

Whereas, she was one of the most promising 2024 aspirants for this honor and her first pageant experience was at the 2017 Brattleboro Winter Carnival pageant, where she won approximately \$1,500.00 in scholarship prize money, and

Whereas, initially, Meara Seery vied for the Miss Vermont title in 2021 and tried again in 2023, when she was awarded second runner-up honors and named Miss Southern Vermont, and she has also earned recognition as Miss Heart of Vermont, and

Whereas, her third attempt proved to be the pinnacle of her success, when on April 14, 2024, at a ceremony held at the Spruce Performing Arts Center in Stowe, Meara Seery was thrilled to be named Miss Vermont 2024, and she was the recipient of two scholarships, one for \$7,500.00 from the Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization, and a second for \$5,000.00 to attend the Ellis Strategies public speaking and presentation course, and

Whereas, in 2024, Meara Seery's Community Service Initiative focused on sustainability and was entitled "Green for Good," and one aspect of the project was a partnership with Green Up Vermont that resulted in a Guinness World Record for the most volunteer pledges (6,833) to clean up trash in one day, and

Whereas, although not a finalist at the Miss America contest held at Disney World in Florida from December 28, 2024 to January 5, 2025, Meara Seery enjoyed competing at this prestigious national event, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Meara Seery of Brattleboro on being named Miss Vermont 2024, *and be it further*

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