

No. R-287. House concurrent resolution congratulating Sophia Parker of Addison on her selection as the 80th Miss Vermont.

(H.C.R.235)

Offered by Representatives North of Ferrisburgh and Birong of Vergennes

Offered by Senators Heffernan and Hardy

Whereas, over the course of eight decades, many outstanding young Vermont women have been honored to serve as Miss Vermont, and this proud tradition has continued with the selection of Sophia Parker of Addison as Miss Vermont 2025, and

Whereas, her interest in participating in the Miss Vermont competition dates to 2015, when she was crowned Miss Vermont's Teen, and

Whereas, Sophia Parker earned a bachelor's degree in nursing at the now Vermont State University-Castleton campus and is employed as a registered nurse on the staff of BAYADA Home Health Care, and

Whereas, she is applying her nursing skills as a medic, with the rank of sergeant, in the Vermont Army National Guard, and

Whereas, achieving the honor of serving as Miss Vermont remained a personal goal, and, despite her busy schedule, Sophia Parker devoted the requisite effort to this objective and was rewarded on May 4, 2025, when she was named the 80th Miss Vermont, and

Whereas, this honor included a \$7,500 scholarship and a \$5,000 grant to enroll in the Ellis Strategies public speaking and presentation program, and

Whereas, on September 7, 2025, Sophia Parker served as Vermont's outstanding representative at the 2025 Miss America competition in Orlando, Florida, and throughout this past year she has been a dedicated ambassador of the Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization, speaking to young women across the State concerning the scholarship and community service opportunities available through the organization, and

Whereas, Sophia Parker's community service initiative is entitled "Wildlife Rehabilitation and Stewardship of the Natural World," and, with her mother, she cofounded Otter Creek Wildlife Rescue, a nonprofit organization that rescues and rehabilitates Vermont birds and mammals, and she is Vermont's youngest licensed wildlife rehabilitator, and

Whereas, Sophia Parker has served with distinction as Miss Vermont 2025, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Sophia Parker of Addison on her selection as the 80th Miss Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sophia Parker and the Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization, Inc.