

By: Senator J. Cooper

SENATE RESOLUTION

TO COMMEND MISS CLAUDIA RAFFO ON HER SELECTION AS
MISS ARKANSAS 2018.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Miss Claudia Raffo, a native of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was named Miss Arkansas 2018 in June 2018; and

WHEREAS, Miss Raffo is 22 years of age and a May 2018 graduate of Arkansas State University with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry; and

WHEREAS, Miss Raffo received scholarships totaling almost \$50,000 that she will use to obtain a doctorate of pharmacy from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences following her year as Miss Arkansas 2018; and

WHEREAS, during her year as Miss Arkansas 2018, Miss Raffo will make appearances across the Natural State serving as a spokesperson for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and the Arkansas Children's Hospital, promoting her personal platform of "New Life Saves Lives: Umbilical Cord Donation", and speaking in support of the Miss Arkansas Scholarship Pageant, Inc., the Miss American Organization, and the scholarships provided by the Miss America Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Miss Raffo's personal platform aims to encourage others to realize the importance of umbilical cord donation to help fight against blood



diseases and certain cancers; and she has had first-hand experience of the issue because of her grandmother who, after surviving breast cancer and Hodgkin's lymphoma, was diagnosed with leukemia but had her life extended through the use of umbilical cord blood stem cells; and

WHEREAS, Miss Raffo is the daughter of Paula and Tom Raffo of Jonesboro and is a 2014 graduate of Nettleton High School,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate commends Miss Claudia Raffo on her service to the State of Arkansas and her selection as Miss Arkansas 2018, and thanks her for her contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy be provided to Miss Raffo by the Secretary of the Senate.