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SENATE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE MISS AMERICA'S TEEN 2025 PEYTON BOLLING.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Peyton Bolling of Rogers, Arkansas, made history when she became the first-ever Arkansas contestant to win the Miss America's Teen competition, which was held on January 4, 2025, in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Bolling is the eighteen-year-old daughter of Colonel Ryan and Patrice Bolling and is a senior at Bentonville High School; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Bolling was Miss Dogwood's Teen and represented the Siloam Springs Dogwood Festival before winning the Miss Arkansas' Teen and then the Miss America's Teen crowns, and her mother was also once Miss Dogwood; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Bolling is a civics advocate and academic achiever with a passion for service and leadership, and growing up as the daughter of a United States Marine Corps Colonel, she has a deep understanding of the sacrifices military families make and a profound love for her country; and

WHEREAS, the multiple deployments of Peyton Bolling's father inspired her to engage others in her community, promoting unity, civic participation, and active citizenship; and



WHEREAS, Peyton Bolling's journey into leadership began when she was selected as a United States Senate Page in 2023, where she spent five (5) transformative months living and working on the grounds of the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C., gaining firsthand insight into the federal legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Bolling's work as a United States Senate Page led her to enter her first Miss America's Teen preliminary and develop "Civics in Motion", an initiative designed to educate individuals of all ages about the importance of government engagement and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, as Miss Arkansas' Teen, Peyton Bolling expanded the program and partnered with organizations such as the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce, the National Civics Bee, and the Arkansas Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her advocacy work, Peyton Bolling created and hosts "Glimpses in Government", an Instagram series that makes the governmental process accessible to teens through interviews with civic leaders at all levels; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Bolling maintains a 4.2 GPA while enrolled in college courses and serves as the All Student Body Vice President at Bentonville High School, and she has been named an AP National Scholar with Distinction and honored as Arkansas' Military Kid of the Month; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Bolling is also a National Dancemaker Scholarship winner, a 2024 Arkansas Girls State Senator, and an advocate for youth engagement and voter registration; and

WHEREAS, as Miss America's Teen, Peyton Bolling continues to promote "Civics in Motion" while partnering with organizations such as Best Buddies International and the American Heart Association's GO RED For Women and supporting the scholarship program; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Bolling plans to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Political

Science and ultimately pursue a Juris Doctorate at the University of Arkansas, with aspirations to contribute to shaping American governance in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Bolling's journey reflects her commitment to service, leadership, and creation of positive change, inspiring others to live as engaged and thoughtful citizens,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate recognize Miss America's Teen 2025 Peyton Bolling.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to Peyton Bolling by the Secretary of the Senate.