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SENATE RESOLUTION

TO HONOR MISS ARKANSAS 2025 KENNEDY HOLLAND.

Subtitle

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HOLLAND.

WHEREAS, Kennedy Holland of Greenwood, Arkansas, was crowned Miss Arkansas 2025 on Saturday, June 14, 2025, during the eight-eighth Miss Arkansas Scholarship Pageant held at the Robinson Center Performance Hall in Little Rock, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy Holland won the title of Miss Arkansas while competing as Miss Metro 2025, and was Miss University of Central Arkansas in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy Holland was awarded more than thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000) in scholarships at the event, including a scholarship for thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from the Ted and Shannon Skokos Foundation, and has won more than eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) over her years of competition in pageants; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her title, Kennedy Holland received numerous other honors, including the Overall Service Above Self Award, the Journalism & Mass Communication Profession Scholarship sponsored by KARK Channel 4, and many other preliminary awards celebrating her excellence throughout the competition; and

WHEREAS, on the Miss Arkansas 2025 stage, Kennedy Holland showcased her



vocal talents with a performance of "Bridge Over Troubled Water" that inspired loud applause from the audience; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy Holland is the founder of the community service imitative Compassion Legacy, which focuses on advocating for and funding adaptive recreational spaces and through which inclusive environments are created that allow individuals of all abilities to enjoy safe, accessible, and enriching recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, since her win, Kennedy Holland has worked throughout Arkansas, where she has advocated for causes such as the American Heart Association, Compassion Legacy, and others; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy Holland represented Arkansas at the Miss America 2026 pageant held at the Walt Disney Theater located at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts in Orlando, Florida, on September 6, 2025, where she was a Preliminary Talent Winner and was one of eleven (11) finalists; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy Holland is the twenty-one-year-old daughter of Katie and Sean Holland of Greenwood, Arkansas, and attends college at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas, where she is a senior communication major with plans to pursue a master's degree in nonprofit management,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate honor Miss Arkansas 2025 Kennedy Holland for her remarkable achievements, her service to others, and her outstanding representation of the State of Arkansas.

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