

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 215

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the members of the 2009 Mule Day Court and the 2009 Mule Day Queen, Rachael Ethridge.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as outstanding Tennesseans of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Rachael Ethridge, who was recently crowned the Mule Day Queen for 2009; and

WHEREAS, Rachael Ethridge is a twenty-one-year-old senior who is majoring in public relations at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; she has held every position on the Mule Day Queen's Court, and has competed for the title of Queen since she was sixteen years old, noting that she has always dreamed of being named Mule Day Queen; and

WHEREAS, the beauty pageant is open to girls between the ages of fifteen and twenty-one; this year marked Miss Ethridge's last year of eligibility to compete in the pageant; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ethridge's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Bill and Debbie Ethridge, her community, and the City of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the members of this year's Mule Day Court of the Mule Day Celebration, which will be held March 30 through April 5, 2009, in Columbia, are Tiffany Smith of Mount Pleasant, Lindsey Thomas of Culleoka, Hannah Lawrence of Columbia, and Brittany Sharp of Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, the highlight of the four girls' illustrious reign as the Mule Day Court will be their essential role in the Mule Day Parade on Saturday, April 4; and

WHEREAS, the Mule Day Queen and her court play a prominent role in the promotion of Mule Day, participating in media interviews and serving as hostesses during the festivities; and

WHEREAS, the entire court is scheduled to visit the State Capitol, where Miss Ethridge will address the General Assembly about the history and significance of Mule Day; and

WHEREAS, 2009 Mule Day Queen Rachael Ethridge and the four esteemed women of her court will represent the great Maury County and the fair City of Columbia with the highest levels of grace and joy; and

WHEREAS, Rachael, Lindsey, Tiffany, Hannah, and Brittany epitomize the spirit and commitment characteristic of true Tennesseans; their dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect and admiration of this legislative body; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud these young women for their remarkable achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Rachael Ethridge of Spring Hill upon being crowned the 2009 Mule Day Queen as well as the members of the 2009 Mule Day Court, Tiffany Smith, Lindsey Thomas, Hannah Lawrence, and Brittany Sharp, extending to them our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.