## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 255**

## By Hodges

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Ajayla Rasin, Miss Black Clarksville 2019.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those emerging community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative individual is Ajayla Rasin of Clarksville, who was recently crowned Miss Black Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, Miss Rasin is the fifteenth victor in this annual contest designed to be a step apart from the traditional pageant, presenting a face of Clarksville youth that is both positive and inspiring; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Northeast High School and an excellent dancer, Ajayla Rasin fully represents the intelligence and spirit of positivity that the event's organizers have made manifest in this title; and

WHEREAS, unique in the approach this pageant takes to defining and lifting up the beauty of young women, Miss Black Clarksville engages contestants in months of activities to identify and polish unusual talents and abilities and gain exposure to valuable opportunities for fostering camaraderie among all of the young women; and

WHEREAS, the Miss Black Clarksville pageant also encourages sisterhood, which is seeded and fostered, as younger girls participating in the competition categories are actively engaged in being ambassadors within the community to gain exposure for the positivity of the event for all participants; each high school senior and college student involved receives an educational scholarship; and

WHEREAS, the newly crowned Miss Black Clarksville is clearly ambitious and has a sharp mind on her future. Miss Rasin is an excellent speaker and dancer; her talent performance showcased her strength of spirit and mind, and her intelligence is blossoming as she attends classes at her high school; and

WHEREAS, Miss Rasin plans to enroll at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville to earn a degree in psychology and eventually pursue a career as a psychological therapist; and WHEREAS, Miss Rasin's pageant victory is especially pleasing for her family, and she takes great pride in her opportunity to serve as a role model for young people within her community; and

WHEREAS, Ajayla Rasin has attained excellence in many diverse fields of human endeavor at a young age, from scholastic achievement to pageant competition, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Ajayla Rasin on being crowned Miss Black Clarksville 2019, applaud her accomplishment, and extend to her our best wishes for an enjoyable and successful reign.

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