

No. R-252. House concurrent resolution congratulating Alayna Westcom of Bakersfield on being named Miss Vermont 2015.

(H.C.R.188)

Offered by: Representative Connor of Fairfield

Whereas, the young women who vie for the Miss America title in Atlantic City each year must first win a preliminary contest in their home state or territory, and

Whereas, on April 25, 2015, the Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization held a gala pageant at the Barre Opera House, and

Whereas, among the contestants, Alayna Westcom, the daughter of Kathy and David Westcom of Bakersfield, so impressed the judges in each of the scoring categories that she won the 2015 Miss Vermont crown, and

Whereas, Alayna Westcom has compiled a superb academic record, and earned six Miss America Academic Achievement Awards and a National Science Scholarship, and

Whereas, she is a 2013 forensic science graduate of Bay Path University in Longmeadow, Massachusetts, with a final cumulative grade point average of 3.97, and

Whereas, her education continued at the University of Vermont, where she completed a medical technology curriculum, and

Whereas, Alayna Westcom is employed as a medical technologist at Northwestern Medical Center in St. Albans and as an autopsy technician at the University of Vermont Medical Center, and

Whereas, her dedication to her Miss Vermont platform of furthering STEM (Science, Technology, Education, and Mathematics) education is evidenced in her role as a volunteer teaching in local science education programs, and

Whereas, as an inducement to students to study STEM subjects, she has developed a dramatic presentation of a scientific experiment, and

Whereas, despite her busy schedule as Miss Vermont 2015, Alayna Westcom traveled thousands of miles and made many appearances promoting the importance of STEM education, and

Whereas, Alayna has represented the Miss Vermont Scholarship organization admirably, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Alayna Westcom of Bakersfield on being named Miss Vermont 2015, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Alayna Westcom in Bakersfield.