

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1821

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Alicia Cabrera.

WHEREAS, Alicia Cabrera, Miss Leawood USA, was crowned Miss Kansas USA for 2003 at ceremonies held on December 1, 2002, in Wichita. She will represent Kansas in the 2003 Miss USA Pageant which will be broadcast live on the NBC network. A prior participant in beauty pageants, she was Miss Kansas Teen Hostess in 1990, a semi-finalist in the Miss Scholastic Beauty Pageant in 1995 and held the title of A.G.I.F. National Queen in 1997. She plans to use her title to speak to elementary, middle and high school students on the importance of education and to be a positive role model for others, especially members of the Latino community; and

WHEREAS, Alicia Cabrera is a 2002 Cum Laude graduate of Avila College where she is currently pursuing an MBA degree in International Business. At Avila she has received the Spirit of Avila Award, the Theater Award, Who's Who Among College Graduates, an Irene Ryan nominee and a finalist for the Avila Aniston Award. In 2001 she studied in Seville, Spain, and in 2002 in Madrid, Spain, in intensive conversational and grammatical studies in Spanish plus Spanish culture and society; and

WHEREAS, At age 19 she was diagnosed with multiple connective tissue disease. She hopes to start a charity to create more awareness of the disease and to educate others concerning this condition; and

WHEREAS, Alicia, originally from the Oakland community of Topeka where her grandmother still resides, is to be an honoree at the 2003 Hispanic Day on the Hill at the Kansas Legislature on February 28: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Alicia Cabrera upon being named Miss Kansas USA and wish her success at the national competition; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Alicia Cabrera, 5503 West 133 Terrace, Apartment 905, Overland Park, KS 66213; Elvira Cabrera, 120 N.E. Lake Street, Topeka, KS 66616 and to Jenny Bartlett, 1717 S.W. Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66612.

Senate Resolution No. 1821 was sponsored by Senators Hensley, Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Buhler, Bunten, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil and Wagle.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*