

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 182

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Michelle Fortner for being named Tennessee's Junior Miss 2001.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those 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 Michelle Fortner, who has been named Tennessee's Junior Miss 2001; and

WHEREAS, now a Senior at Hendersonville High School, Ms. Fortner is captain of the award-winning Golden Girls dance team, holds a 4.218 grade point average, is in the top 10 percent of her class, is a member of the National Honor Society, appears in *Who's Who Among Outstanding High School Students*, and was voted "Most Talented" by her peers; and

WHEREAS, proficient in a variety of dance forms, Michelle Fortner also recently won the Hendersonville Citywide Talent Gala, and she will be performing in the Steeple Players' upcoming production of *The King and I*; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fortner competed along with forty other girls in the Tennessee Junior Miss program; and

WHEREAS, the scoring for the competition is based 20 percent on academics, 15 percent on presence and composure, 15 percent on fitness, 25 percent on a personal interview with the judges, and 25 percent on talent; and

WHEREAS, having studied dance for over fourteen years, Michelle received a perfect score for her talent presentation and won the \$500 prize for the category; and

WHEREAS, as the overall state winner, Ms. Fortner received a medallion and a \$3,000 scholarship; and

WHEREAS, she will compete for the title of America's Junior Miss this summer in Mobile, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Fortner is fortunate to have the support of her parents, Bob and Paula Fortner, who met while dance partners at Opryland, and her younger brother, Shane, who is a top athlete at Hendersonville High School; and

WHEREAS, Paula Fortner is the owner of the American Academy of Dance in Hendersonville, and Bob Fortner is a performer on the General Jackson Showboat; and

WHEREAS, Michelle was given the idea to participate in the Junior Miss program through the encouragement of her grandmother, Donna Chappel; and

WHEREAS, as Tennessee's Junior Miss 2001, Ms. Fortner is promoting the program's national platform, "Be Your Best Self"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fortner has said of the program's platform, "It promotes all-around excellence, being a positive person, being respectful, keeping physically fit, and trying hard in school, sports and relationships"; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated student, Michelle epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud this exemplary young woman for her remarkable talent; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Michelle Fortner upon being named Tennessee's Junior Miss 2001, and we extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

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