

SENATE RESOLUTION 25

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A RESOLUTION to commend and congratulate Sierra Salandy,
Miss Black Tennessee U.S. Ambassador 2019.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body 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 Sierra Salandy, who was recently named Miss Black Tennessee U.S. Ambassador for 2019, a most befitting honor, as it recognizes her dedication to excellence and her devotion to serving her community; and

WHEREAS, more than simply a beauty pageant, the Miss Black U.S. Ambassador is a scholarship program that gives support and resources to communities in need; those worthy women who are selected to serve as ambassadors embark on a journey to encourage, empower, and enlighten communities the world over by providing education forums and events that focus on health disparities, poverty, violence, and other major issues plaguing African-American communities; and

WHEREAS, Miss Black U.S. Ambassadors often partner with key political figures and national initiatives to bring support to their efforts and platforms; these women are given the opportunity to become role models not only for young African-American women but for women around the world; and

WHEREAS, 2019 Miss Black Tennessee U.S. Ambassador Sierra Salandy is currently a student at Austin Peay State University, where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with a concentration in International Relations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Salandy has maintained a stellar grade point average during her college career while completing internships and academic seminars with various organizations,

including The Washington Center, where she focused on international affairs and public policy; the Tennessee General Assembly, where she interned for the office of Senator Brenda Gilmore; the United States Department of Energy, where she was an environmental management intern; the law firm of Lehman & Johnson; the United States Senate, as an intern for the office of Senator Bob Corker; World Relief Nashville, as a refugee resettlement intern; and the Rutherford County Department of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, a student of the utmost dedication and ability, Sierra Salandy has served as a representative with the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature, a member of the NAACP, secretary of the Pre-Law Society, speaker pro tempore of the Student Government Association, and director of Social Enrichment for Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, to name but a few; and

WHEREAS, she has devoted her time and many talents to volunteering with Cultivate the City, Phone Banking, St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital, and the Ronald McDonald House; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Salandy will make a fine successor in the lineage of Miss Black Tennessee U.S. Ambassadors, and it is most fitting that she be honored at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we commend and congratulate Sierra Salandy upon being named Miss Black Tennessee U.S. Ambassador 2019, extending our best wishes for her success during her ambassadorial year and in all her future endeavors.

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