

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1849

A Resolution congratulating Alyssa Morrison for being crowned 2011 Miss Rodeo Kansas.

WHEREAS, Miss Rodeo Kansas is a young lady who strives to promote the state of Kansas and the sport of professional rodeo, and in so doing, promotes the great western way of life. Miss Rodeo Kansas is a talented, personable horsewoman with a vast knowledge of the sport of rodeo, the equine industry and the state of Kansas. She will have the opportunity to travel, meet new people and garner educational experiences that will lay a solid foundation for her future; and

WHEREAS, Miss Rodeo Kansas portrays exceptional sportsmanship and high moral and ethical character and is able to speak intelligently and display dignity in all situations; and

WHEREAS, The Miss Rodeo Kansas pageant is held annually to select a young lady who has the desire and the enthusiasm to serve as a goodwill ambassador for the sport of rodeo and the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Alyssa Morrison of Bonner Springs, Kansas, was crowned Miss Rodeo Kansas 2011 in Dodge City, Kansas, at the conclusion of a four-day pageant held in conjunction with the Dodge City Roundup Rodeo. Alyssa will travel more than 35,000 miles in 2011 representing Kansas and the sport of professional rodeo; and

WHEREAS, Alyssa is a senior nursing student at Mid-America Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas. Alyssa will graduate summa cum laude on May 8 with a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree. At MNU, Alyssa is a mentor for incoming freshmen, vice president for MNU's chapter of the Kansas Association of Nursing Students, and was selected for Who's Who Among American College Students; and

WHEREAS, Family has played an enormous role in shaping Alyssa into the person she is today. Alyssa is the proud daughter of Joyce and Al Morrison and sister to Kendra Morrison. She is grateful for their abounding support and encouragement in the pursuit of her dream, as well as through her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Other prestigious awards and recognitions that Alyssa has earned include: 2008 Pinto of the Year Award (a national award bestowed by the Pinto Horse Association of America); four Registers of Merit achieved by Alyssa's pinto, Indian Rhythm, and entered into his breed registry at the Pinto Horse Association of America in the last two years for Open Pinto Color, Open Disciplined Rail Western, Amateur Disciplined Rail Western, and Amateur Western Horsemanship; nine 2010 Kansas Pinto Year End awards, specifically Champion Amateur Western Discipline Rail 19 & Over, Champion Amateur Western Horsemanship 19 & Over, Champion Barrel Racing, Champion Flag Racing, Champion Pole Bending, Champion Discipline Rail Western, Champion Amateur, Champion Speed Horse, Reserve Champion Western Horse; the 2008 High Point Award at the American Royal (saddle-type); six State Horse Championships at the Kansas State Fair; several top five finishes in both barrel racing and pole bending; District Representative on the Versatility Team at the Kansas State Fair for three years; two State Dog Championships at the Kansas State Fair in obedience; three-time winner of the 4-H Year End High Point, Grand Champion Halter Horse and High Point Exhibitor at the Johnson County Fair; a four-time winner of both year-end top awards in the Kansas State Horse Show Circuit; winner of the Barrel Racing Buckle and a "Walk the Talk Award" finalist at Rodeo Bible Camp; and

WHEREAS, Alyssa is also a graduate of Mill Valley High School in Shawnee and graduated as valedictorian in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Alyssa is enthusiastically looking forward to her year as Miss Rodeo Kansas 2011, eager to embrace every opportunity that arises, sharing her passion of rodeo and the western way of life: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Alyssa Morrison for her achievement as Miss Rodeo Kansas 2011; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send six enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Holland.

Senate Resolution No. 1849 was sponsored by Senator Tom Holland.

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.*