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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution congratulating Ericka Dunlap, Miss America
3 2004.

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5 WHEREAS, Ericka Dunlap, a native Floridian from Orlando and
6 a symbol of immense pride for her community, was crowned Miss
7 America 2004 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on September 20,
8 2003, and thus began her one-year reign representing the best in
9 young American womanhood, and

10 WHEREAS, a graduate of Boone High School and a senior at
11 the University of Central Florida, Miss Dunlap is the recipient
12 of numerous scholarships and awards, her accomplishments are
13 many and varied, her ambition is to obtain a juris doctorate and
14 specialize in entertainment and sports law, and her platform as
15 Miss America is "Celebrating Cultural Diversity and
16 Inclusiveness," and

17 WHEREAS, Ericka's year of service includes touring the
18 nation participating in many charitable benefits and sharing
19 with countless organizations, businesses, community groups, and
20 schools her vision of diversity, and

21 WHEREAS, as the first reigning Miss America since the
22 Vietnam War to travel abroad to visit with the nation's deployed
23 armed forces, Ericka spent Thanksgiving 2003 with American
24 troops in Kuwait, cheerfully serving the holiday meal to some
25 who waited for as long as 45 minutes; and, during her tour of
26 several camps and the Kuwait Armed Forces Hospital, she chatted
27 and shared meals with and provided entertainment for troops who
28 viewed her time with them as a "great morale booster," and

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29 WHEREAS, with a firm belief that "America's diversity is
 30 its strength, a rich and endless source of experience, language,
 31 custom, and tradition that enhances our nation and makes us
 32 unique," Ericka Dunlap is committed to sharing the tools needed
 33 for the peoples of this land to "move past mere tolerance
 34 towards embracing the diversity in our communities and
 35 establishing an awareness of inclusion," NOW, THEREFORE,

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37 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 38 Florida:

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40 That Ericka Dunlap is enthusiastically congratulated upon
 41 having attained the title of "Miss America 2004" and is wished
 42 utmost success and satisfaction in reaching the stated goals of
 43 her most worthy platform.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
 45 presented to Ericka Dunlap, Miss America 2004, as a tangible
 46 token of the sentiments expressed herein.