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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing Mary Katherine Fechtel for
3 her achievements as Miss Florida 2015.

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5 WHEREAS, Mary Katherine Fechtel was born on July 10, 1995,
6 to Vince and Dixie Fechtel of Leesburg, and

7 WHEREAS, a graduate of First Academy High School, Mary
8 Katherine Fechtel is a senior at the University of Florida,
9 majoring in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences with a minor
10 in Non-Profit Organizational Leadership, and is a Florida Bright
11 Futures Scholar, and

12 WHEREAS, Mary Katherine Fechtel is a member of the Florida
13 Blue Key Honor Society, the Vice President of Standards for
14 Kappa Delta Sorority, and the University of Florida Family
15 Relations Captain for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, and
16 was crowned Miss University of Florida 2015, and

17 WHEREAS, after becoming Miss Florida 2015 in June 2015,
18 Mary Katherine Fechtel represented this state in the 2016 Miss
19 America Pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and was named as a
20 Top 10 finalist and the winner of the Preliminary Lifestyle and
21 Fitness Award, and

22 WHEREAS, as Miss Florida, Mary Katherine Fechtel travels
23 the state promoting her personal platform, "A Safety Net:
24 Protecting Our Youth from Online Predators," with a focus on
25 human trafficking, and has served as a spokesperson for the
26 Porchlight Organization of Central Florida, which has rescued

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27 and rehabilitated 17,000 young girls who have fallen victim to
28 human trafficking, and

29 WHEREAS, Mary Katherine Fechtel also serves as a
30 spokesperson for the Everglades Foundation and promotes the Miss
31 Florida Organization and its benefits for young women, and

32 WHEREAS, Mary Katherine Fechtel is a shining example of a
33 role model and community leader, upholding the values of the
34 Miss America Organization while striving to educate and improve
35 her community through her platform, 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 Mary Katherine Fechtel is honored for her outstanding
41 achievement in the Miss America Competition, her dedication to
42 working for others, and her exceptional representation of the
43 values of Miss Florida.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
45 presented to Mary Katherine Fechtel as a tangible token of the
46 sentiments expressed herein.