

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Michelle Jackson has been named a Cherry Blossom  
2 Princess, and this notable young Texan is serving as a worthy  
3 representative for the Lone Star State as a participant in the 2009  
4 National Cherry Blossom Festival; and

5           WHEREAS, Held March 28 through April 12 this year, the annual  
6 event commemorates the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry trees to the city  
7 of Washington from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo; more than 700,000  
8 people visit our nation's capital each year to admire the  
9 blossoming cherry trees that herald the beginning of spring and  
10 celebrate the special friendship between Japan and the United  
11 States; and

12           WHEREAS, Since 1948, each state has selected an accomplished  
13 young woman to share its traditions and history with national and  
14 international visitors and dignitaries; designated Cherry Blossom  
15 Princesses, they participate in educational, leadership, and  
16 cultural activities as ambassadors of their state and nation; and

17           WHEREAS, A most deserving honoree, Michelle Jackson is the  
18 daughter of Senator Mike Jackson and his wife, Vickie; Ms. Jackson  
19 is knowledgeable about Texas history and government as a former  
20 tour guide at the State Capitol and intern for Congressman John  
21 Culberson; and

22           WHEREAS, Ms. Jackson is a magna cum laude graduate of St.  
23 Edward's University, where she volunteered her time to benefit  
24 others as a member of the Alpha Psi Omega theater service

1 fraternity; as a high school student in her hometown of La Porte,  
2 she was active in student council, the National Honor Society, and  
3 Girl Scouts; she also distinguished herself as first vice chair of  
4 the La Porte 4-H, president of her school's orchestra, and vice  
5 president of her senior class; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to earning the Gold Award, the highest  
7 achievement in the Girl Scout program, Ms. Jackson was named  
8 Outstanding Girl for 2004 by the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of  
9 Commerce; and

10 WHEREAS, Michelle Jackson has long demonstrated great  
11 talent, leadership, and initiative, and her efforts have made her  
12 an outstanding recipient of this prestigious honor; now, therefore,  
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
15 hereby congratulate Michelle Jackson on her selection as the 2009  
16 Cherry Blossom Princess for the State of Texas and extend to her  
17 sincere best wishes for continued success in all of her endeavors;  
18 and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Ms. Jackson as an expression of high regard by the  
21 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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Davis of Harris  
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Smith of Harris  
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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

Robert Duncan

President of the Senate

[Signature]

H.C.R. No. 172

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 172 was adopted by the House on April 16, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 172 was adopted by the Senate on April 16, 2009, by a viva-voce vote.

Latsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 1 MAY '09

Date

RICK PERRY

Governor

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Secretary of State