

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are proud to honor Erika Harold, Miss America
4 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Erika Harold, 22, is the daughter of Robert
6 Harold and Donna Tanner-Harold of Urbana; Ms. Harold has
7 three siblings, Alexandra, Anastasia, and Nicholas; and

8 WHEREAS, Erika Harold is a graduate of Urbana High
9 School; she then graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University
10 of Illinois where, among numerous honors and accomplishments,
11 she was named a Chancellor's Scholar and she was the
12 recipient of first prize in the Afro-American Studies
13 research paper competition; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Harold was scheduled to start at Harvard Law
15 School this fall, but she delayed her enrollment for a year
16 after being named Miss Illinois in June; she plans to pursue
17 a career in public policy law and someday seek public office;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Harold is the first woman from
20 Champaign-Urbana to compete and win in the Miss America
21 competition; Ms. Harold will promote anti-violence and
22 anti-bullying programs during her year as Miss America 2003;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, In addition to her other accomplishments, she
25 impressed the judges and audience at the Miss America
26 competition with her brilliant performance of an operatic
27 aria and her answers to a series of quiz questions; and

28 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is proud to be represented
29 by Erika Harold, who will use this opportunity and her
30 ability to help promote change; Ms. Harold exemplifies the
31 importance of family, faith and community, and throughout her

1 year as Miss America she will seek to empower youth against
2 violence; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we, along with all of the citizens of Illinois, are honored
6 to have Erika Harold, Miss America 2003, as an ambassador for
7 the State of Illinois; the members of this body congratulate
8 her for her many accomplishments and wish her all the best in
9 the future; and it be further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Erika Harold.