

1 State of Arkansas  
2 92nd General Assembly  
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HR 1024

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5 By: Representatives Sullivan, S. Smith  
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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO COMMEND MISS CLAUDIA RAFFO ON HER SELECTION AS  
9 MISS ARKANSAS 2018.  
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12 **Subtitle**

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17 WHEREAS, Miss Claudia Raffo, a native of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was named  
18 Miss Arkansas 2018 in June 2018; and  
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20 WHEREAS, Miss Raffo is 22 years of age and a May 2018 graduate of  
21 Arkansas State University with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry; and  
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23 WHEREAS, Miss Raffo received scholarships totaling almost \$50,000 that  
24 she will use to obtain a doctorate of pharmacy from the University of  
25 Arkansas for Medical Sciences following her year as Miss Arkansas 2018; and  
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27 WHEREAS, during her year as Miss Arkansas 2018, Miss Raffo will make  
28 appearances across the Natural State serving as a spokesperson for Children's  
29 Miracle Network Hospitals and the Arkansas Children's Hospital, promoting her  
30 personal platform of "New Life Saves Lives: Umbilical Cord Donation", and  
31 speaking in support of the Miss Arkansas Scholarship Pageant, Inc., the Miss  
32 American Organization, and the scholarships provided by the Miss America  
33 Foundation; and  
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35 WHEREAS, Miss Raffo's personal platform aims to encourage others to  
36 realize the importance of umbilical cord donation to help fight against blood



1 diseases and certain cancers; and she has had first-hand experience of the  
2 issue because of her grandmother who, after surviving breast cancer and  
3 Hodgkin's lymphoma, was diagnosed with leukemia but had her life extended  
4 through the use of umbilical cord blood stem cells; and

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6 WHEREAS, Miss Raffo is the daughter of Paula and Tom Raffo of Jonesboro  
7 and is a 2014 graduate of Nettleton High School,

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9 NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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13 THAT the House of Representatives commend Miss Claudia Raffo on her  
14 service to the State of Arkansas and her selection as Miss Arkansas 2018, and  
15 thank her for her contributions.

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate  
18 copy be provided to Miss Raffo by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
19 Representatives.