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5 By: Senator J. Cooper

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7 **SENATE 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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14 SELECTION AS MISS ARKANSAS 2018.

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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 SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
11 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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13 THAT the Senate commends Miss Claudia Raffo on her service to the State
14 of Arkansas and her selection as Miss Arkansas 2018, and thanks her for her
15 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 Secretary of the Senate.