ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 36

By: Riley, Adelson, Aldridge, Anderson, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brogdon, Cain, Capps, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley, Eason McIntyre, Fisher, Ford, Garrison, Gumm, Harrison, Hobson, Johnson (Constance), Johnson (Mike), Jolley, Justice, Lamb, Laster, Laughlin, Lawler, Leftwich, Lerblance, Mazzei, Morgan, Myers, Nichols, Paddack, Pruitt, Rabon, Reynolds, Shurden, Taylor, Wilcoxson, Williamson, Wilson and Wyrick of the Senate

and

Peters, Askins, Balkman, Benge, Blackburn, Brannon, Carey, Covey, Cox, Dank, Denney, DePue, Deutschendorf, DeWitt, Duncan, Hilliard, Kiesel, Lamons, Lindley, McCarter, McDaniel, Morgan (Danny), Nance, Nations, Newport, Perry, Peterson (Pam), Peterson (Ron), Pruett, Roan, Rousselot, Sherrer, Smithson, Staggs, Sullivan, Terrill and Turner of the House

A Concurrent Resolution congratulating Jennifer Berry upon her selection as Miss America 2006; praising her talents; expressing pride; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2006, at the Aladdin Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, Miss Oklahoma Jennifer Berry, age 22, of Jenks, Oklahoma, was selected Miss America 2006. It was the first

time the pageant was held outside of Atlantic City, New Jersey, and the first time it was broadcast on the Country Music Television (CMT) network; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Berry, a Senior majoring in Elementary Education at the University of Oklahoma, is a 2001 graduate of Jenks High School. She has been on both the University of Oklahoma's Dean's Honor Roll and the President's Honor Roll. Her goal is to earn a Master's Degree in Education and become an elementary school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Berry, a long-time ballet student since the age of 8, took classes at the University of Oklahoma School of Dance. She entered her first pageant when she was 17 and was named fourth runner-up for Miss Tulsa. Her local competition sponsor was the Miss Grand Lake Scholarship Pageant, and her state competition sponsor was the Miss Oklahoma Scholarship Pageant; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Berry is leading a campaign against drunk driving due to the death of a friend in an alcohol-related car wreck. Her platform issue is "Building Intolerance to Drunk Driving and Underage Drinking"; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Berry of Jenks, Oklahoma, is the fifth Oklahoman to be crowned Miss America, following Shawntel Smith of Muldrow in 1996, Susan Powell of Elk City in 1981, Jane Jayroe of Laverne in 1967, and Norma Smallwood of Tulsa in 1926; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Berry will travel 20,000 miles a month across the country in the next year fulfilling her duties as Miss America. By doing so, she will also be demonstrating the spirit and vigor of Oklahoma to the rest of the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates Jennifer Berry upon her selection as Miss America 2006.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises Miss America Jennifer Berry for her talent and many abilities and wishes her a successful reign as Miss America 2006.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature, on behalf of the citizens of Oklahoma, expresses pride that this great state is represented by such an outstanding young woman, Jennifer Berry, Miss America 2006.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Miss America Jennifer Berry and her parents, Tom and Kay Berry.

Adopted by the Senate the 7th day of February, 2006.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 22nd day of February, 2006.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives