

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 111

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

A Resolution commending Michelle J. Millben, Miss Black Oklahoma 2005; praising her dedication to youth and her devotion to arts in education; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Michelle J. Millben, a native Oklahoman, is the daughter of Althea M. Millben and Michael J. Millben, both ministers. She graduated from Oklahoma City University in May 2005 with a Bachelor of Music Degree with an emphasis on Business Administration. Trained in classical violin, piano and ballet for over 15 years, she is also an outstanding vocalist and has a love for the arts. While enrolled at Oklahoma City University, Michelle Millben served as a full-time Youth Pastor for Rock Solid Youth Ministries at Cathedral of Praise World Outreach Center in Oklahoma City. She is preparing to enter Law School in the Fall of 2006 and hopes to positively impact the State of Oklahoma through a career in public service; and

WHEREAS, Michelle J. Millben founded a nonprofit community outreach program called "The Brotherhood and Girlfriends". Since 2003, this program has reached out to middle and high school students through the performing arts and sports by assisting them to develop academic focus, a passion for life and discipline, and to experience leadership training; and

WHEREAS, 24-year-old Michelle Millben achieved the title of Miss Black Oklahoma in June 2005. As Miss Black Oklahoma, she has addressed the Oklahoma National Guard, victims of Hurricanes Katrina

and Rita, and many state and local schools. She was nominated to attend the African American Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. Her platform consists of creating a greater awareness of the impact of arts in education and the importance of spreading the knowledge and characteristics of leadership in our youth. Her desire is for Oklahoma to prepare and equip young people with the best education possible in order to continue the momentum of development and the level of excellence that characterizes Oklahoma.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate hereby commends Michelle J. Millben upon her reign as Miss Black Oklahoma 2005.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises Michelle Millben's dedication to the youth of this state and her devotion to arts in education.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Michelle J. Millben, Miss Black Oklahoma 2005.

Adopted by the Senate the 17th day of May, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate