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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 374 Session of  
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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JULY 13, 2007

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Rachel Brooks of Broomall, Delaware County,  
2 Pennsylvania, on winning the 2007 Miss Pennsylvania pageant.

3 WHEREAS, Rachel Brooks, the 24-year-old University of  
4 Pennsylvania graduate student in the Fels School of Government,  
5 competed not once, but four times, for the title of Miss  
6 Pennsylvania before winning the crown at Nazareth Area High  
7 School; and

8 WHEREAS, Miss Brooks is only the second African-American  
9 woman to be named Miss Pennsylvania; and

10 WHEREAS, In past competitions, Miss Brooks performed a dance  
11 routine, but she decided this year to sing "Summertime" from the

1 opera "Porgy and Bess"; and

2 WHEREAS, Miss Brooks impressed all of the judges with her  
3 sincerity, poise and commitment to her platform of autism  
4 awareness; and

5 WHEREAS, Miss Brooks, who is taking a leave of absence from  
6 her job as a research analyst with an economic consulting firm  
7 in Philadelphia, has an 18-year-old brother who was diagnosed  
8 with autism when he was two, and she hopes to raise money for  
9 research into the disability during her reign; and

10 WHEREAS, As Miss Pennsylvania, Miss Brooks won a \$7,000  
11 scholarship and the opportunity to compete in the Miss America  
12 pageant held in January 2008 in Las Vegas; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate  
14 Rachel Brooks on winning the 2007 Miss Pennsylvania pageant and  
15 wish her continued success in her quest to earn the title of  
16 Miss America 2008.