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By Hon. _____	

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the many achievements of Indira Ridgeway, a junior at
2 Harrisburg High School's SciTech Campus and a 2011-2012
3 Congressional Award Gold Medal recipient.

4 WHEREAS, Indira Ridgeway is an 11th grade student at
5 Harrisburg High School's SciTech Campus; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Ridgeway is truly an inspiration for young
7 people in her community, being involved in numerous educational
8 and civic programs and organizations; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Ridgeway's many passions include advocating
10 against blood diamonds and human trafficking; and

11 WHEREAS, As an advocate for these causes, Ms. Ridgeway worked
12 with principals at both Harrisburg High School campuses to
13 establish a program which awarded extra credit to students who
14 completed online human trafficking training and increased
15 awareness regarding blood diamonds among her peers and the
16 community through the completion of a National History Day
17 project which received Statewide, regional and local attention;
18 and

1 WHEREAS, Aside from her passion for these two causes, Ms.
2 Ridgeway is also an ardent supporter of educational achievement
3 and is involved in many activities at her school; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Ridgeway has worked with elementary students in
5 her community as an American Red Cross CPR/AED certified
6 babysitter as well as providing tutoring services; and

7 WHEREAS, At Harrisburg's SciTech Campus, Ms. Ridgeway is
8 involved in the school's student council, is a member of the
9 school's cheerleading squad and serves on the Harrisburg Rotary
10 Youth Community Development Team; and

11 WHEREAS, Realizing that national and international problems
12 and crises have an impact locally, Ms. Ridgeway helped to
13 organize a fundraising effort to help all those affected by the
14 2010 earthquake in Haiti; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Ridgeway is also a member of national
16 organizations such as the Southern Poverty Law Center and the
17 N.A.A.C.P.'s Schomberg Center for Research; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Ridgeway's past honors and awards include
19 perfect attendance from 7th through 10th grade and the Senate of
20 Pennsylvania Good Citizen Award; and

21 WHEREAS, In recognition of her service to her community, Ms.
22 Ridgeway was recently awarded the Congressional Award Gold
23 Medal, having volunteered more than 400 hours during a two-year
24 period to qualify for the award; and

25 WHEREAS, Congress established the Congressional Award in 1979
26 to recognize initiative, achievement and service in young
27 people; and

28 WHEREAS, Ms. Ridgeway's eldest sister, Thais Ridgeway,
29 received the Congressional Award Gold Medal in 2008 and was the
30 first Harrisburg native to receive such an award; and

1 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the House of
2 Representatives acknowledge extraordinary young people for
3 academic achievements and their dedication and service to their
4 communities; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the many
6 educational and personal achievements of Indira Ridgeway, 2011-
7 2012 Congressional Award Gold Medal recipient.