

Reps. Polidori, Constan, Ball, Lisa Brown, Crawford, Donigan, Horn, Robert Jones, Kennedy, LeBlanc, Liss, Mayes, Neumann, Roberts, Rogers, Slavens, Smith, Spade, Valentine and Walsh offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 289.

A resolution supporting Rima Fakhri, reigning Miss Michigan 2010, the newly crowned Miss USA 2010.

Whereas, Rima Fakhri was raised in Queens, New York and attended St. John's Preparatory School, a Catholic high school, Rima moved with her family to Dearborn, Michigan in 2003. As a Lebanese American, her family celebrates elements of both Muslim and Christian faith; and

Whereas, Rima Fakhri graduated with economic and business management degrees from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, she displayed exceptional leadership as she rose to the role of class senator and acted as president of the students in the school's Free Enterprise Group. In addition to her roles at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Rima volunteered as a social worker for various organizations; and

Whereas, Rima Fakhri won the Miss Michigan USA pageant on September 19, 2009, for the 2010 reigning year. Rima serves as the first official pageant ambassadors for women's self-defense awareness. Rima advocates the education of women and the importance of taking the necessary precautions to protect themselves from unwelcome situations. Rima Fakhri won the Miss USA pageant on May 16, 2010, and continues as an advocate for breast cancer and ovarian cancer awareness; and

Whereas, Rima Fakhri was crowned as Miss USA 2010 marks a historic moment as it gives extraordinary pride for Lebanese and Arab Americans across the nation. As a part of a misunderstood community whose beliefs and culture have been misconstrued, Rima embodies confidence, determination, and commitment that reflect upon the Arab American community and their proud heritage. As Miss USA 2010, Rima continues to advocate community service, charity, and educational growth; and

Whereas, Rima Fakhri is a hometown hero that reminds Michigan residents both young and old that they can overcome adversity through hard work and dedication; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body support Rima Fakhri. It is with great respect for her commitment to the high standards in her role as Miss Michigan 2010 that we honor and applaud Rima Fakhri for her accomplishments so far in her young life and commend her on her efforts as she is crowned Miss USA 2010; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Miss USA Pageant, in recognition of our most sincere congratulations and support for Rima Fakhri receiving the crown for Miss USA 2010.