

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Miss New York, Mallory Hytes Hagan, upon the occasion of being crowned Miss America 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to honor today's young people, the leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Miss New York, Mallory Hytes Hagan, upon the occasion of being crowned Miss America 2013 on Saturday, January 12, 2013, at the Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Mallory Hagan, an Alabama native, outshined a multitude of beautiful women from all 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, A 23 year-old Fashion Institute of Technology student who resides in Park Slope, Brooklyn, Mallory Hagan won the coveted Las Vegas beauty pageant after tap dancing to James Browns "Get Up Off of That Thing" and answering a question about whether armed guards belong in grade schools by saying we should not fight violence with violence; and

WHEREAS, She went on to add, the proper way is to educate people on guns and the correct ways to use them; guns should be locked up; and gun safety classes should be offered along with instituting a longer waiting period for individuals interested in purchasing a gun; and

WHEREAS, The esteemed title as Miss America 2013 awarded Mallory Hagan a scholarship and a yearlong run as an advocate and role model; she will spend her title reign on a nationwide speaking tour as well as raising funds for the Children's Miracle Network, the organization's official charity; and

WHEREAS, Mallory Hagan loves Brooklyn, her home since 2008, for many reasons, one being the diversity of people and cultures which make up the popular New York City borough; and

WHEREAS, Mallory Hagan exemplifies the potential inherent in our young men and women, who together with our children are our most precious resource; she is an outstanding role model for her peers and for the young people with whom she works and stands with poise and purpose to face the challenges of new experiences; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Miss New York, Mallory Hytes Hagan, upon the occasion of being crowned Miss America 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mallory Hytes Hagan.