



# State of Tennessee

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 238

By Representatives Pitts, Johnson, Reedy

and

Senator Green

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Nyla Gwan, Miss Black Clarksville 2015.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those emerging community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative individual is Nyla Gwan of Clarksville, who was recently crowned Miss Black Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, Miss Gwan is the eleventh victor in this annual contest designed to be a step apart from the traditional pageant, presenting a face of Clarksville youth that is both positive and inspiring; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Kenwood High School and a trained dancer, Nyla Gwan fully represents the intelligence and spirit of positivity that are inherent to this title; and

WHEREAS, with the unique approach this pageant takes to defining and lifting up the beauty of young women, Miss Black Clarksville engages contestants in months of activities to identify and polish unusual talents and abilities and gain exposure to valuable opportunities for fostering camaraderie among all of the young women; and

WHEREAS, the Miss Black Clarksville pageant also encourages sisterhood, which is seeded and fostered, as younger girls participating in competition categories are encouraged to become ambassadors within the community to increase exposure of the positivity of the event for all participants; each high school senior and college student involved receives an educational scholarship; and

WHEREAS, the newly crowned Miss Black Clarksville is clearly ambitious and has a sharp mind on her future. Miss Gwan is an excellent speaker and dancer; her talent performance showcased her strength of body and mind; and

WHEREAS, Miss Gwan plans to enroll at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama, to pursue a degree in engineering and to become a material science engineer; and

WHEREAS, Miss Gwan's pageant victory is especially pleasing for her family, and she takes great pride in her opportunity to serve as a role model for young people within her community; and

WHEREAS, Nyla Gwan has attained excellence in many diverse fields of human endeavor at a young age, from scholastic achievement to pageant competition, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Nyla Gwan on being crowned Miss Black Clarksville 2015, applaud her accomplishment, and extend to her our best wishes for an enjoyable and successful reign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: April 9, 2015



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR