



# State of Tennessee

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 283

By Representative Cepicky

and

Senator Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the 2023 Mule Day Court Fourth Runner Up, Ava Grayson Sykes.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as outstanding Tennesseans of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Ava Grayson Sykes, who was recently selected as the 2023 Mule Day Court Fourth Runner Up; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Mandy Barry and Josh Sykes, Ava Sykes is a junior at Columbia Central High School, where she is currently a cheerleader, and plans to attend the University of Tennessee to earn a master's degree in speech pathology and possibly return to Columbia Central High School to coach basketball; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Ms. Sykes volunteers her time at Poplar Estates Assisted Living, helping the elderly to do various activities and painting their nails on Wednesdays, and she coaches her little sister's third- and fourth-grade basketball team, since she is an accomplished basketball player herself; and

WHEREAS, she evinces her devout faith as a member of New Song Baptist Church and is an active participant in her youth group there; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sykes's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her community, and the citizens of Maury County; and

WHEREAS, the Mule Day Queen and her court play a prominent role in the promotion of Mule Day, participating in media interviews and serving as hostesses during the festivities; and

WHEREAS, 2023 Mule Day Court Fourth Runner Up Ava Sykes epitomizes the spirit of distinction and the commitment to greatness that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect and admiration of this body; and

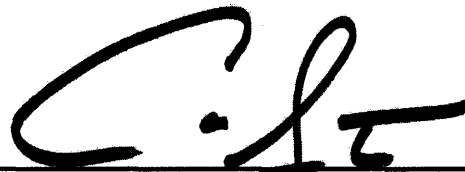
WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud this young woman for her remarkable achievement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Ava Grayson Sykes upon being selected as the 2023 Mule Day Court Fourth Runner Up, extending to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

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ADOPTED: March 6, 2023



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR