

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-4659, by Representatives Dent, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Condotta, DeBolt, Dye, Griffey, Haler, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hawkins, Hayes, Hickel, Holy, Johnson, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Kristiansen, MacEwen, Magendanz, Manweller, McCabe, McCaslin, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Parker, Pike, Rodne, Schmick, Scott, Shea, Short, Smith, Stambaugh, Stokesbary, Taylor, Van Werven, Vick, Walsh, Wilcox, Wilson, Young, and Zeiger

1 WHEREAS, The concept of Miss Rodeo America began in 1955 for the
2 purpose of selecting a young woman to serve as an official
3 spokesperson for the sport of professional rodeo and to provide
4 educational opportunities for the young women who compete in the
5 pageant; and

6 WHEREAS, The Miss Rodeo America Pageant is held annually in
7 conjunction with the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas,
8 Nevada; and

9 WHEREAS, The reigning state rodeo royalty compete for the coveted
10 crown of Miss Rodeo America by competing in the areas of
11 presentation, horsemanship, and poise; and

12 WHEREAS, The Miss Rodeo America Pageant offers young women the
13 opportunity to garner one of the richest experiences of their lives,
14 while at the same time creating solid foundations for their future
15 endeavors; and

16 WHEREAS, Lifelong friendships are made and many doors are opened
17 to all competitors, as well as the young woman selected to wear the
18 coveted crown; and

19 WHEREAS, Miss Rodeo America becomes a part of the great legacy of
20 women to lay claim to the title; and

21 WHEREAS, The contestants are judged in the major categories of
22 poise, presentation, horsemanship, and rodeo knowledge, demonstrating
23 their skills in public speaking, personal interviewing, horsemanship,

1 knowledge of rodeo and general equine science, current event
2 awareness, and overall professionalism; and

3 WHEREAS, This year's reigning Miss Rodeo America is one of
4 Washington's very own, Katherine Merck of Spokane, Washington; and

5 WHEREAS, Katherine Merck will be representing the sport of
6 professional rodeo as she travels more than 100,000 miles around the
7 country, appearing at nearly 100 rodeo performances, as well as
8 appearances at schools, civic groups, and other special events,
9 educating the public and creating awareness about the sport of rodeo,
10 its sponsors, and the values that have made America great;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
12 of Representatives recognize Katherine Merck for her many talents and
13 achievements academically and in the rodeo profession; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of
15 Representatives recognize the value and dedication of Miss Rodeo
16 America in representing and promoting the professional sport of rodeo
17 by serving as the official spokesperson for the Professional Rodeo
18 Cowboys Association; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
20 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
21 Representatives to Katherine Merck and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys
22 Association.

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24 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
25 Resolution 4659 adopted by the House of Representatives
26 February 18, 2016
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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk