

**No. R-422. House concurrent resolution congratulating Sophia Hadeka of Fair Haven on being named Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen 2011.**

(H.C.R.307)

Offered by: Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Helm of Fair Haven, Bouchard of Colchester, Courcelle of Rutland City, Donaghy of Poultney, Higley of Lowell, Malcolm of Pawlet, McNeil of Rutland Town, Savage of Swanton and Winters of Williamstown

Offered by: Senators Carris, Flory and Mullin

Whereas, the mission of the not-for-profit Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization "is to provide scholarships to young women of Vermont while coaching their leadership skills, mentoring their participation in relevant community service, enhancing their unique talents, and developing their personal confidence, grace and style," and

Whereas, one of the titles the Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization annually presents is Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen, and

Whereas, on June 25, 2011, Sophia Hadeka of Fair Haven was crowned Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen at the conclusion of a final competition event in South Burlington, and

Whereas, contestants for the honor of being named Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen must be 13–17 years of age and Vermont residents and must meet academic, personal character, and health requirements, and

Whereas, at age 13, Sophia Hadeka is the youngest girl ever to be named Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen, and

Whereas, the contestants were judged based on a combination of their talent (35 percent), a personal interview (30 percent), evening wear/on stage question

(20 percent), lifestyle and fitness (10 percent), and scholastic achievement (5 percent), and

Whereas, when she was named Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen, Sophia Hadeka had just completed seventh grade and ranked first in her class at the Fair Haven Grade School, and

Whereas, she is a member of her school's spelling bee team, loves to play softball, soccer, and basketball, and has attended multiple dance classes, and from these extracurricular activities, Sophia Hadeka has learned the importance of team work and working cooperatively under pressure, and

Whereas, a veteran of girl scouting, Sophia Hadeka continues offering community service by helping second graders with their homework, and

Whereas, the Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization is very proud to have Sophia Hadeka serve as its 2011 Outstanding Teen, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Sophia Hadeka of Fair Haven on being named Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen 2011, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sophia Hadeka in Fair Haven.