

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Congress of the United States and the Representatives of the State of Maryland in Congress.

Approved May 26, 1972.

No. 39

(Senate Joint Resolution 60)

Senate Joint Resolution ~~proclaiming~~ **COMPLIMENTING** Miss Maryland the Official ~~Hostess~~ **ENTRY** of the State of Maryland. **IN THE MISS AMERICA PAGEANT.**

WHEREAS, The Miss Maryland Scholarship Pageant was first held in 1930, and is subsequently held each year as the official State final for the Miss America Pageant, and is the oldest best-known and most respected contest of its kind in Maryland, involving 20 county, municipal and college preliminary pageants conducted and supervised by more than 500 dedicated citizen volunteers; and

WHEREAS, The Miss Maryland Scholarship Pageant, as an official State preliminary for the Miss America Pageant is a component of the largest women's scholarship foundation in the world having awarded more than \$8,500,000.00 in scholarships since 1945, and presently awarding \$860,000 in scholarships annually at local and State preliminaries and the national Miss America Pageant; and

WHEREAS, The Miss Maryland Scholarship Pageant is operated with the intent of securing participants who are interested in pursuing their education as a first attribute and, further, judges all participants on the basis of the whole person, including talent, intelligence, personality, poise, as well as beauty, to find a well-rounded young lady most capable of representing Maryland; and

WHEREAS, These attributes upon which the winner of the pageant is judged, are identical to those which would be sought in a young lady to be official hostess for the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Maryland does not now have an official hostess, and it would be a great benefit to the State of Maryland at appropriate occasions and in its public relations within the State and with dignitaries from outside the State to have a young lady serve as official hostess; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland:

1. That the Governor and Legislature ~~proclaim that henceforth~~ **COMPLIMENTS** COMPLIMENT the current Miss Maryland, Miss Michelle Ehr Gott, of the University of Maryland, and all future Miss Marylands who succeed her, shall serve as the official hostess of the State of Maryland.

2. The Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this joint resolution to Miss Michelle Ehr Gott and the officers and directors of the Miss Maryland Scholarship Pageant.

Approved May 26, 1972.