

By: Senator(s) McCaughn, Younger, Whaley,
Suber, Seymour

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING KENNADEE RIGGS AS MISS RODEO AMERICA
2 2023 AND WELCOMING HER TO MISSISSIPPI ON THE OCCASION OF THE DIXIE
3 NATIONAL LIVESTOCK AND RODEO.

4 WHEREAS, Kennadee Riggs was crowned as Miss Rodeo America
5 2023 on December 4, 2023, at the South Point Hotel in Las Vegas,
6 Nevada; and

7 WHEREAS, having grown up under the western skies of Queen
8 Creek, Arizona, Kennadee has carried on the legacy of her cowgirl
9 bloodlines as a member of the Cowgirls Historical Foundation while
10 working for the Arizona Farm Bureau and Cowboy Lifestyle Network;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, prior to being selected, the 22-year-old daughter of
13 Don and Shanda Riggs, represented the Grand Canyon State as Miss
14 Rodeo Arizona 2022. She served an 18-month church mission in
15 Brazil, Arizona and Oklahoma, and is currently a student at
16 Arizona State University pursuing journalism. She enjoys teaching
17 horsemanship lessons, as well as volunteering as an instructor
18 teaching English and Portuguese to Brazilians in weekly classes.



19 Her passion of "Kicking Up Kindness" is reflected in *The Kindness*
20 *Journal* Podcast, and she encourages everyone to perform acts of
21 kindness in their everyday lives; and

22 WHEREAS, during her reign as the official representative of
23 the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, Kennadee will travel
24 approximately 40,000 miles and appear at nearly 150 rodeo
25 performances, as well as making appearances at schools, civic
26 groups, and other special events in order to educate the public
27 and create awareness about the sport of rodeo, its sponsors and
28 its opportunities. During her appearances she will represent and
29 promote rodeo, agriculture, and the western way of life to more
30 than two million people. Kennadee will also serve as a
31 spokesperson at a variety of promotional events and model in
32 commercial advertisements for western clothiers, publications,
33 sponsors and other service providers to the western industry; and

34 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we welcome Miss Rodeo
35 America to the Hospitality State:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
37 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize Kennadee Riggs as Miss
38 Rodeo America 2023 and welcome her to Mississippi on the occasion
39 of the Dixie National Livestock and Rodeo:

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
41 Kennadee Riggs, forwarded to the Commissioner of Agriculture and
42 Commerce and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

