

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 300

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Antionette Van on being named Miss Caddo Parish 2024.

WHEREAS, Antionette Van was born on June 9, 1998, in Oakland, California, and she moved to Shreveport, Louisiana, in 2007; she is the daughter of a retired Shreveport Parks and Recreation employee; and

WHEREAS, Antionette has established herself as a young leader and volunteer in the Caddo Parish community through her involvement with Shreveport Public Assembly and Recreation (SPAR); in 2009, she began competing in pageantry through SPAR's annual Merry Berry Christmas Pageant, where she was crowned Miss SPAR three consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, after successfully reigning as Miss Shreveport Parks and Recreation for three years, Antionette ventured into mainstream pageantry and earned the titles of National American Miss Louisiana Junior Teen 2012, Miss Louisiana American Coed Junior Teen 2013 and Miss Caddo Parish's Outstanding Teen 2014, representing Louisiana at two national competitions and Caddo Parish at Miss Louisiana's Teen; while holding these prestigious titles, Antionette maintained honor roll status and balanced many leadership roles at C.E. Byrd High School; and

WHEREAS, Antionette was an excellent student and athlete, competing on the school's basketball, volleyball, and track teams; she was an active member of the school's International Thespian Society and Mu Alpha Theta math club, and she served as the drum major of the marching band for two years before graduating with honors in 2016; and

WHEREAS, after graduating, Antionette enlisted to serve in the United States Marine Corps; from 2016 to 2021, she served at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, as a signals intelligence radio reconnaissance radio operator, and at the National Security Agency Headquarters in Fort Meade, Maryland, as a signals intelligence data analyst; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Van is a staunch advocate of mental health awareness and prevention, and she is a supporter of domestic abuse victims; she has been involved with organizations and initiatives including Dress For Success, 22 Until None, and Irreverent Warriors; and

WHEREAS, since returning to the civilian sector, Ms. Van has reigned as Miss Potomac under the Miss America Organization representing Potomac, Maryland, at the Miss Maryland 2021 Pageant; she also represented Potomac at the 2022 National All-American Miss pageant, where she placed 1st Runner Up; and

WHEREAS, outside of pageantry, Antionette is heavily involved in the arts as an actress, singer, dancer, and musician; as a professional dancer and cheerleader, she travels the country performing as a flow artist specializing in fire dance; and

WHEREAS, Antionette currently works as the assistant general manager of and group fitness instructor at Club4Fitness, as a full stack software developer, and as a traveling entrepreneur of her own hair and makeup business; she reigns as Miss Caddo Parish 2024 and will be competing for the title of Miss Louisiana 2024 with the hopes of representing Louisiana at Miss America 2025; and

WHEREAS, Antionette Van is a truly inspiring woman who is most deserving of the highest recognition for her military service and for her many incredible achievements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Antionette Van on being named Miss Caddo Parish 2024; does hereby further recognize Ms. Van for her service to our country as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that she continue to prosper in all of her endeavors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES