

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 300

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Antionette Van on being named Miss Caddo Parish 2024

1 A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

11 WHEREAS, after successfully reigning as Miss Shreveport Parks and Recreation for
12 three years, Antionette ventured into mainstream pageantry and earned the titles of National
13 American Miss Louisiana Junior Teen 2012, Miss Louisiana American Coed Junior Teen
14 2013 and Miss Caddo Parish's Outstanding Teen 2014, representing Louisiana at two
15 national competitions and Caddo Parish at Miss Louisiana's Teen; while holding these
16 prestigious titles, Antionette maintained honor roll status and balanced many leadership roles
17 at C.E. Byrd High School; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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