

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 209

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates Sanil Thorat on being recognized as Louisiana's 2026 Elementary Student of the Year.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Sanil Savita Thorat on being recognized as Louisiana's 2026
3 Elementary Student of the Year.

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Education and the Louisiana Board of
5 Elementary and Secondary Education have selected a Caddo Parish student as one of three
6 2026 Louisiana Students of the Year; and

7 WHEREAS, this year's elementary winner is Sanil Savita Thorat, a fifth grader at
8 Fairfield Magnet School in Caddo Parish; and

9 WHEREAS, Sanil is an accomplished speller who has earned a place at the Scripps
10 2026 National Spelling Bee and received top honors at the regional level; and

11 WHEREAS, in addition to his educational accomplishments, he also previously
12 completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge, performs piano in recitals at
13 venues including nursing homes and churches, has earned recognition in music competitions,
14 and competes as a runner in track and field; and

15 WHEREAS, a day after learning the news of his achievement, Sanil was surprised
16 with a pep rally at his school where he thanked his parents, older brothers, teachers, and
17 classmates, and described the pep rally as a "great, great event"; and

18 WHEREAS, students of the year competitions require the students to first compete

1 at the school system level and then advance to regional and state competition levels; and

2 WHEREAS, students are chosen based on criteria that measure academic
3 achievements, leadership, character, and service to their school and community; and

4 WHEREAS, students are also evaluated based upon electronic portfolios, student
5 writings, and interviews conducted to assess communication and critical thinking skills; and

6 WHEREAS, this ten year old describes his future plans by saying "My name, Sanil,
7 in Sanskrit literally means gift, so I want to fulfill what my mom destined for me by being
8 a gift to the world, and being a doctor is one of the best steps in trying to do that"; and

9 WHEREAS, he also aspires to volunteer with organizations focused on community
10 wellness; and

11 WHEREAS, Sanil opened a small library with free books at the community garden
12 where he volunteers; and

13 WHEREAS, a very grateful Sanil wants to thank Fairfield Magnet School, Caddo
14 Parish, the Louisiana Department of Education, and the Louisiana Board of Elementary and
15 Secondary Education for the opportunities given to students through the Student of the Year
16 competitions; and

17 WHEREAS, Sanil Savita Thorat has certainly earned the honor of this award and the
18 acknowledgment of this awesome accomplishment.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
20 does hereby commend and congratulate Sanil Savita Thorat on being recognized as
21 Louisiana's 2026 Elementary Student of the Year, does hereby record for posterity his
22 accomplishment, and extends its best wishes for continued success and happiness in his
23 future endeavors.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sanil
25 Savita Thorat.

