

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 120

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI AND SENATOR MORRISH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Michael Goss of Crowley, the 2017 Kiwanis Regional Spelling Bee grand champion and National Spelling Bee competitor.

WHEREAS, the National Spelling Bee began in 1925 when nine newspapers combined to host the first spelling bee with the goal of helping students to improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage; from its humble origins to enhance literacy in youth, the national bee has grown to reach eleven million students annually; and

WHEREAS, students from all walks of life have the opportunity to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., one of the nation's oldest and most iconic competitions; the Scripps National Spelling Bee is in its ninth decade; and

WHEREAS, two-hundred ninety-one spellers competed for this year's national title, among them thirteen-year-old Michael Goss, Speller No. 50, who is a seventh-grade student at St. Michael Elementary School in Crowley; Michael outspelled students from eight Louisiana parishes to earn the title of 2017 Kiwanis Regional Spelling Bee grand champion conferred by the Kiwanis Club of Lafayette and the Kiwanis Club of Acadiana; it was Michael's second straight regional spelling championship; and

WHEREAS, to emerge victorious from Rounds One and Two of the national bee, Michael Goss had to spell words such as bowyer, subtlety, sortilege, achromatopsia, theriatrics, and canaille and give the definition of vocabulary words such as schlepp (to haul), ergogenic (increasing sleep time by an hour), pennate (wing-shaped), gaufrette (slice of potato cut to look like a waffle and fried), taphephobia (fear of being buried alive), and inviolable (secure from assault or trespass); and

WHEREAS, in the national competition, Michael Goss correctly spelled "reliquiae" in the second round and "calipers" in the third round, and after the third round, forty spellers advanced to the finals based on oral spelling and a written test; and

WHEREAS, as a two-time Kiwanis Regional Spelling Bee grand champion and a Scripps National Spelling Bee competitor, Michael Goss brings tremendous pride to his school, his family and friends, and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Michael Goss for earning the title of 2017 Kiwanis Regional Spelling Bee grand champion and competing in the 2017 Scripps National Spelling Bee and does hereby extend hearty congratulations for the rewards gained from his orthographic study; and does hereby salute his superb logography.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Michael Goss.

---

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

---

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE