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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Sunjay Letchuman upon his selection as the 2018 Louisiana High School Student of the Year.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 2 To commend and congratulate Caddo Magnet High School senior, Sunjay Letchuman of Shreveport, upon his selection as the 2018 High School Student of the Year by the 3 Louisiana Department of Education and to note his extraordinary accomplishments. 4 5 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the energy, intelligence, and achievements of Sunjay Letchuman, a high school senior and a 6 7 dynamic young man who has demonstrated excellence in academic achievement, medical 8 research, community service, and citizenship; and 9 WHEREAS, contestants are chosen from each of three categories, high school, 10 middle school, and elementary school; and 11 WHEREAS, 2018 Student of the Year winners are chosen from a list of twenty-one regional finalists from all seven regions of the state and represent both public and private 12 13 schools; the selection process requires submission of a resume of accomplishments, samples 14 of essay writings, and interviews conducted by selection committee members who assess the communication and critical-thinking skills of each candidate; and 15 16 WHEREAS, the "Louisiana Believes" program that honors the scholastic abilities of these exceptional students is sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Education, and 17 18 on April 11, 2018, presentations were made at an awards ceremony held at the Louisiana

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Medical Center; and

1	State Museum in Baton Rouge; and
2	WHEREAS, Sunjay had previously competed in the program as an eighth-grader and
3	won the 2014 Caddo Parish Middle School Student of the Year award; and
4	WHEREAS, Sunjay is also particularly commended for his attention to academics
5	by maintaining a 4.0 grade point average and earning a thirty-five (35) on the ACT college
6	entrance exam; he is a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist and an Advanced Placement
7	Scholarship participant; and
8	WHEREAS, with numerous honors for academic endeavors and extracurricular
9	activities which include selection as a finalist in the Siemens Competition in Math, Science
10	and Technology, as a second-place winner of the 2018 Louisiana Region I Science and
11	Engineering Fair, and as a first-place winner in the 2018 Louisiana Junior Science and
12	Humanities Symposium; Sunjay Letchuman exemplifies the finest qualities of scholarship;
13	and
14	WHEREAS, he possess a keen interest in the advanced study of biomedical
15	engineering as a research student at the Biomedical Research Foundation (BRF) and at the
16	LSU Health Science Center (Shreveport) Science and Medicine Academic Research
17	Training Program (SMART); and
18	WHEREAS, Sunjay will compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair
19	held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in May; and
20	WHEREAS, at BRF, his scientific research project titled "Differential Redox Profiles
21	of Veins and Arteries Associated with Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Failure" focuses on the
22	investigation of the systemic failure of coronary artery grafts over time; and
23	WHEREAS, Sunjay takes an active leadership role in organizations at Caddo Magnet
24	High School such as Mock Trial Club, Key Club International, and the Asian Studies
25	Association; and
26	WHEREAS, as a well-rounded student, Sunjay places academics as a top priority;
27	however, he balances his schedule with athletics that include tennis and cross-country track
28	and with leisure pursuits such as board games, gardening, and chess; and
29	WHEREAS, he volunteers his time at the Overton Brooks Veterans Administration

1	WHEREAS, as a published writer, Sunjay has penned a guide to personal finance and
2	consumer credit for young adults titled "Handbook of Essentials that Every High Schooler
3	Needs to Know: About Finance and Much More!"; and
4	WHEREAS, with a bright future ahead, Sunjay is considering several career paths
5	with interests in medicine, biomedical research or engineering, and finance; and
6	WHEREAS, Sunjay Letchuman is a multi-talented scholar with a plethora of skills
7	and a maturity beyond his years who demonstrates a commitment to excellence that is truly
8	commendable and who is most deserving of the 2018 Louisiana High School Student of the
9	Year Award.
10	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11	commend Sunjay Letchuman upon his selection as the 2018 High School Student of the Year
12	by the Louisiana Department of Education; does hereby recognize his singular contributions
13	to the betterment of his school, community, and state; and does hereby extend to him
14	enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he brings to his family,
15	friends, the city of Shreveport, and the state of Louisiana.
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby wish
17	for Sunjay continued success and happiness in all future endeavors.
18	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
19	Sunjay Letchuman, Michael Ilgenfritz, principal of Caddo Magnet High School, and
20	Dr. T. Lamar Goree, superintendent of Caddo Parish Public Schools.
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part

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