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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Raj Letchuman on winning the Louisiana Student of the Year award.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Raj Letchuman on winning the Louisiana Student of the Year award.
3	WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman is the son of Santhi and Rama Letchuman and a senior
4	at Caddo Parish Magnet High School; and
5	WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman earned a perfect score on the ACT and is an avid
6	science enthusiast; and
7	WHEREAS, not only does Raj Letchuman excel in the classroom, Raj also serves
8	his community through tutoring and volunteering. Raj also frequently volunteers at the
9	rescue mission where he serves lunch and dinner to the homeless; and
10	WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman also tutors students in a wide variety of topics ranging
11	from math to English and preparation for standardized tests, including the ACT and PSAT;
12	and
13	WHEREAS, as the communications chair of the teen advisory committee for the
14	Community Foundation of North Louisiana, Raj Letchuman works with high school students
15	from across Caddo Parish to advise community leaders on how to allocate time and money
16	to improve mental health in Caddo Parish schools; and
17	WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman is a member of the Caddo Parish Magnet High School
18	mock trial team, acting as both an attorney and coach, in conjunction with serving as a

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- 1 defense attorney for the teen court program via the juvenile diversion program of the Caddo 2 Parish District Attorney's Office; and 3 WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman also competed as an attorney at the National High 4 School Mock Trial Championship and competed at the National Science Bowl; and WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman is the president of the astronomy club and the world 5 languages club in addition to being a Caddo Parish Magnet High School student ambassador; 6 7 and 8 WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman is a member of the Caddo Parish Magnet High School 9 Key Club and National Honor Society; and WHEREAS, among Raj Letchuman's numerous extracurricular activities, his 10 11 favorites include participating in state science bowls, learning new computer programming 12 languages, conducting independent biomedical research, and competing in biology 13 olympiads throughout the state; and 14 WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman participated in the following academic competitions: 15 first place in chemistry for the Caddo Magnet Science Fair and the regional Louisiana 16 science fair, first place in the exhibit category for regional national history day, first place at the Louisiana State Mock Trial competition, first place at the Louisiana State Science 17 18 Bowl, first place in computational biology at school, regional, and state fairs, and first place 19 in biomedical and health sciences at the Louisiana State Science Fair; and WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman placed second in chemistry for the Louisiana State 20 Science Fair and second in the exhibit category for Louisiana State National History Day 21 22 competition; and WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman placed third overall at the Louisiana State Junior 23 24 Science and Humanities Symposium and earned a one thousand dollar award for his 25 achievement; and WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman served as the attorney general for Louisiana Boys State 26 27 in 2022 and as one of two Louisiana senators for Boys Nation 2022; and WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman recently collaborated with Dr. Elahe Mahdavian, a 28 29 biochemistry professor at LSU Shreveport and Raj's research mentor, for his research project
- 30 entitled, *Identifying Promising Drug Candidates Against SARS-CoV-2 Using Computational*

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1	Drug Repurposing Methodology; and
2	WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman has also published a research project entitled, Targeting
3	CaSR-GSH Interaction with Quinazolinone-Based Derivatives to Inhibit Angiogenesis; and
4	WHEREAS, through his diligent study and hard work, Raj Letchuman recently
5	qualified for the International Science and Engineering Fair in Dallas, Texas, to be held
6	May 14 – 19, 2023; and
7	WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman is one step closer to achieving his dream of becoming
8	an astronaut after earning a prestigious internship with NASA for the summer of 2023; and
9	WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman plans to continue his education this fall at Yale
10	University.
11	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
12	does hereby commend Raj Letchuman on winning the Louisiana Student of the Year award.
13	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
14	Raj Letchuman.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nicholas Davison.

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