

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 379

BY REPRESENTATIVES PHELPS AND TURNER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana Department of Education 2026 High School Student of the Year
Melissa An Le.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) honored twenty-four regional finalists and named three Louisiana Students of the Year during a ceremony at The Cook Hotel and Conference Center in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, each year, the LDOE and the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) recognize students who exemplify academic excellence, leadership, and service; finalists include one fifth, eighth, and twelfth grader from each of the state's eight BESE regions; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 overall honorees are Sanil Savita Thorat, Kaejha Mary-Anne Christine Stewart, and Melissa An Le; and

WHEREAS, Melissa An Le is the Louisiana High School Student of the Year; she attends Ruston High School in Lincoln Parish and was previously named Louisiana Middle School Student of the Year; she is an AP Scholar with Distinction and a National Merit Commended Scholar; she served as student body president, was elected state secretary of Future Business Leaders of America, and earned all-state recognition in speech and debate; she advocates for expanded access to science, technology, engineering, and math education through speaking engagements and national initiatives and has reached thousands through her "STEM to Bloom" video series; she also serves on the National Girls Collaborative Project board; and

WHEREAS, Melissa An Le is most deserving of recognition for bringing great pride to Lincoln Parish and the state of Louisiana through her outstanding achievements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Louisiana Department of Education 2026 High School Student of the Year Melissa An Le; does hereby recognize her for building a strong foundation for the future success of the state; and does hereby encourage her to continue her excellent work and always strive for greatness.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES