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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

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

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

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

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1 entitled, Identifying Promising Drug Candidates Against SARS-CoV-2 Using Computational 2 Drug Repurposing Methodology; and 3 WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman has also published a research project entitled, Targeting CaSR-GSH Interaction with Quinazolinone-Based Derivatives to Inhibit Angiogenesis; and 4 WHEREAS, through his diligent study and hard work, Raj Letchuman recently 5 6 qualified for the International Science and Engineering Fair in Dallas, Texas, to be held 7 May 14 - 19, 2023; and 8 WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman is one step closer to achieving his dream of becoming 9 an astronaut after earning a prestigious internship with NASA for the summer of 2023; and WHEREAS, Raj Letchuman plans to continue his education this Fall at 10 11 Yale University. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 12 13 commend and congratulate Raj Letchuman on winning the Louisiana Student of the Year 14 award. 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to 16 Raj Letchuman. The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

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