

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 91

BY SENATOR PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVES SEABAUGH AND CARMODY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Ashini Ashish Modi of Shreveport upon being selected as the 2018 Middle School Student of the Year by the Louisiana Department of Education and to recognize her extraordinary accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the energy, intelligence, and achievements of Ashini Modi, a dynamic young eighth-grader from Caddo Middle Magnet School, who has demonstrated excellence in academic achievement, artistic talent, community service, good character, and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, 2018 Student of the Year winners are chosen from a list of twenty-one regional finalists selected from all seven regions of the state and represent both public and private schools; the process requires submission of a resume of accomplishments, samples of essay writings, and interviews conducted by selection committee members who assess the communication and critical thinking skills of each candidate; and

WHEREAS, the "Louisiana Believes" program that honors the scholastic abilities of these exceptional students is sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Education, and on April 11, 2018, presentations were made at an awards ceremony held at the Louisiana State Museum in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, Ashini had competed previously as a fifth-grader in the program and had won at the district and regional levels; and

WHEREAS, with numerous honors for academic endeavors and extracurricular activities that include the Prudential Spirit of Community Award; Ashini Modi exemplifies the finest qualities of scholarship and community service; and

WHEREAS, she is also interested in the study of astronomy and in a science fair competition, Ashini demonstrated the astrophysical effects of black holes; and

WHEREAS, Ashini takes an active role in a variety of organizations as the secretary of the 4-H Club, captain of the Math Counts team, a member of National Junior Honor Society, and as counselor and intern for the Young Scholar STEAM Program (Science,

Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics); and

WHEREAS, as a well-rounded student Ashini places academics as a top priority; however, she balances her schedule to include participation in enriching artistic pursuits that include theatre, interpretive dance, music, as orchestra section leader for violin, and painting; her art work has been featured at the Louisiana Governor's Mansion; and

WHEREAS, Ashini uses visual arts as a medium to convey to others the importance of environmental awareness; and

WHEREAS, Ashini volunteers at Providence House, a local homeless shelter, and she founded the Reading Rain Forest Library at that shelter; she coordinates book drives and story time events for the younger residents; and

WHEREAS, with a multitude of occupational paths in her future, she is considering a science-related career in medicine, perhaps as a neurosurgeon; and

WHEREAS, Ashini Modi is a multi-talented scholar with a maturity of mind far beyond her years, who demonstrates a commitment to excellence that is truly commendable and who is most deserving of the 2018 Louisiana Middle School Student of the Year Award.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Ashini A. Modi of Shreveport, upon selection as the 2018 Louisiana Middle School Student of the Year; does hereby recognize her singular contributions to the betterment of her school, community, and state; and does hereby extend to her enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that she brings to her family, friends, the city of Shreveport, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby wish for Ashini continued success and happiness in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ashini Modi, Robin DeBusk, principal of Caddo Middle Magnet School, and Dr. T. Lamar Goree, superintendent of Caddo Parish Public Schools.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES