

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Airline High School senior Bhavani Tivakaran upon being selected as the 2019 Governor of Louisiana Girls State and to recognize her extraordinary accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the state of Louisiana recognizes the energy, intelligence, and achievements of Bhavani Tivakaran, a dynamic young student who has demonstrated excellence in academic achievement, leadership ability, community service, good character, and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Bhavani Tivakaran was elected by her peers as the 2019 Governor of Louisiana Girls State during its annual program held June 23-29 of that year; and

WHEREAS, more than four hundred young women from throughout the Bayou State converged on the campus of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches during the last week of June to participate in the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, a nonpartisan program that teaches responsible citizenship and love of country; and

WHEREAS, at Louisiana Girls State, participants learn that every voice has value and that every woman needs to use her voice; they campaign in mock party elections to become mayors, parish officials, and state officials; assume the roles of governmental leaders, and gain firsthand knowledge in the mechanics of government at all levels and in the civil responsibilities of citizenship; and

WHEREAS, at Louisiana Girls State, program activities included governmental briefings, legislative sessions, campaigning, party rallies and conventions, debate, and elections; and

WHEREAS, Bhavani Tivakaran is a senior at Airline High School in Shreveport, Louisiana, with numerous honors to her credit for scholarly endeavors and extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the Airline High School Debate Team, Bhavani has received high marks in numerous competitions and has placed first in Advanced Policy Debate; and

WHEREAS, she earned a perfect score on the English II portion of the LEAP 2025 exam; and

WHEREAS, Bhavani has strived for academic excellence since elementary school; she was the Bossier Parish Middle School Student of the Year as an eighth-grader at Greenacres Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Bhavani has always been an extraordinary, well-rounded student who was involved with Student Council, 4-H, the Suzuki Chamber Orchestra, the district MathCounts Team, the Talented Arts Program, and a spelling bee champion; and

WHEREAS, Bhavani is proud of her rich cultural heritage and volunteers at the Indian Association of Shreveport & Bossier; and

WHEREAS, Bhavani Tivakaran is a talented scholar and capable citizen with a maturity of mind who demonstrates a commitment to excellence that is truly commendable, and who is most deserving of selection as the 2019 Governor of Louisiana Girls State.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Bhavani Tivakaran upon being selected as the 2019 Governor of Louisiana Girls State and is hereby recognized for her contributions to the betterment of her school, community, and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that best wishes are hereby extended to Bhavani Tivakaran in enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that she brings to her family, friends, the citizens of Bossier City, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Bhavani Tivakaran.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES