

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 65

BY REPRESENTATIVES SEABAUGH, BURFORD, BURRELL, AND CARMODY

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Caddo Parish Magnet High School student Vijay Letchuman for excelling in scientific research, being his school's Student of the Year for 2014-2015, and being selected as a regional finalist in the state's annual Student of the Year competition

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Vijay Letchuman, a senior at Caddo Parish Magnet High School, for excelling
3 in scientific research, being named the school's Student of the Year for 2014-2015,
4 and upon his selection as a regional finalist in the state's annual Student of the Year
5 Competition.

6 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Louisiana House of Representatives
7 recognizes the energy, intelligence, and self-motivation of Vijay Letchuman, a true leader
8 and role model among his peers; and

9 WHEREAS, his dedication to academic achievement and drive to do his best at all
10 times are evident as he excels in advanced placement calculus, biology, and English; he
11 serves as the president of Caddo Parish Magnet High School's mock trial team and is
12 enrolled in the Science and Medicine Academic Research Training Program; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Letchuman will graduate high school having already published a
14 short abstract in a research journal; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to academic success, Mr. Letchuman enjoys reading and
16 playing golf; he excelled on the tennis court before encountering knee problems and since
17 then, he has redirected his energy to scientific research; he has a passion for science and
18 aspires to obtain a M.D.-Ph.D. so he can directly help patients while indirectly contributing
19 to the biomedical science field; and

1 WHEREAS, for several months, Vijay worked in a LSUS chemistry lab on a
2 potential anti-cancer drug; his dedication to scientific research has led to the publication of
3 his abstract and has afforded him the opportunity to present his research on "The Use of
4 Ultra Filtration to Study Kynurenine Binding to Bovine Serum Albumin" at the 2014
5 Biomedical Research Network Annual Meeting in New Orleans; and

6 WHEREAS, Vijay is a member of numerous clubs and organizations at Caddo Parish
7 Magnet High School, such as the National Honor Society, the Key Club, the Spanish Honor
8 Society, the Asian Students Association, Mock Trial, Quiz Bowl, and Red Cross; he also
9 volunteers his time at various elementary school fall carnivals and field days, tutoring
10 middle school students at the Volunteers of America, and helping with residents of the
11 Azalea Estates Retirement Home; and

12 WHEREAS, Vijay received first place at the 2015 State Mock Trial Competition,
13 second place at the Louisiana Junior Science Humanities Symposium, and second place in
14 chemistry at the State Science Fair Competition; he was also an International Science and
15 Engineering Fair Finalist; and

16 WHEREAS, Vijay will be attending the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where
17 he will begin medical school simultaneously with his undergraduate degree in August; in the
18 future, he hopes to come back to Louisiana to practice as a physician; and

19 WHEREAS, Vijay Letchuman is a talented Louisiana student who demonstrates
20 impeccable leadership and a commitment to excellence that is truly commendable, and he
21 is most deserving of the Student of the Year award for 2014-2015 at Caddo Parish Magnet
22 High School and his selection as a regional finalist in the state's annual Student of the Year
23 competition.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Vijay Letchuman for excelling at scientific
26 research, upon being named the 2014-2015 Student of the Year for Caddo Parish Magnet
27 High School, and upon his selection as a regional finalist in the state's annual Student of the
28 Year competition; does hereby recognize his remarkable academic accomplishments; and
29 does hereby wish Vijay full measures of success and happiness in his years to come.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
2 to Vijay Letchuman.

DIGEST

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Seabaugh

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