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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sai Gunturi of Plano represented his school, his  
2 city, and his state with great distinction as the winner of the 76th  
3 Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.; and

4 WHEREAS, An eighth-grader at St. Mark's School of Texas in  
5 Dallas, Mr. Gunturi has made four consecutive appearances in the  
6 national spelling bee, finishing 32nd in 2000, 16th in 2001, and 7th  
7 in 2002; and

8 WHEREAS, Through 15 rounds of competition, he calmly,  
9 confidently, and correctly spelled such obscure words as  
10 "marmoraceous," "halogeton," and "dipnoous"; and

11 WHEREAS, Demonstrating poise and focus, he outlasted 250  
12 participants from all 50 states and seven countries, and ultimately  
13 sealed the victory by correctly spelling "pococurante," a word  
14 meaning indifferent or apathetic; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Gunturi comes from a family of outstanding  
16 spellers; his sister, Nivedita, tied for eighth place in the 1997  
17 national competition; and

18 WHEREAS, An avid reader and a straight-A student, he placed  
19 first in the Hellenic history and Greek derivatives categories at  
20 the National Junior Classical League convention; in addition to  
21 following a rigorous academic regimen, he plays violin in his  
22 school's orchestra, studies Indian classical music, and enjoys bike  
23 riding, tennis, and video games; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Gunturi holds future aspirations of becoming a

1 sculptor or a genetic engineer, and the members of this chamber are  
2 decidedly NOT pococurante about his most recent achievement; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Sai Gunturi on winning the 2003  
6 Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee and extend to him best wishes  
7 for continued success; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Mr. Gunturi as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives.