

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1059

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Sai Gunturi, who won the 76th Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee on May 29, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Sai, an eighth-grade student at Saint Mark's School in Dallas, won the competition when he spelled pococurante, a word that means indifferent or nonchalant; with this victory, Sai becomes the first individual from Dallas to win a national spelling contest since 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, He successfully spelled such words as mistassini, solfeggio, and piezochemistry to advance to the 2003 finals; and

**WHEREAS**, Sai has been a championship speller for a number of years; in 2000, at the age of 10, he placed 32nd in the national spelling contest; he advanced to 16th place the following year, and he placed seventh last year; and

**WHEREAS**, For his victory in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee competition, Sai won a \$12,000 grand prize; and

**WHEREAS**, A fine young scholar who aspires to a career as a genetic engineer, Sai is a source of great pride to the citizens of Dallas and the Lone Star State, and he deserves recognition for his exceptional accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby congratulate Sai Gunturi on his victory at the 76th Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee and extend best wishes to him for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 2, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate