

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1234

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Tiné Valencic, a seventh-grader at Colleyville Middle School, who has won the 2011 National Geographic Bee; and

WHEREAS, On Wednesday, May 25, 2011, Tiné Valencic responded successfully to his 25th question: Sagarmatha National Park is the Nepalese national park in which the southern part of Mount Everest is located; and

WHEREAS, This bright and industrious 13-year-old triumphed over 53 other contestants representing each state, the District of Columbia, Defense Department schools, and United States territories; his grand prize includes a \$25,000 scholarship, a lifetime membership in the National Geographic Society, and a trip to the Galapagos Islands; and

WHEREAS, Tiné became interested in geography when he was in kindergarten and was given an atlas; he was the Texas champion last year but did not make the national finals; and

WHEREAS, Tiné has worked hard, pursued his goal, and competed well; the new national champion, he is an exemplary young man, and he can be justifiably proud of his outstanding achievement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Tiné Valencic on winning the 2011 National Geographic Bee and extend to him best wishes for success in all his future endeavors; 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 May 27, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate