

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 86

WHEREAS, Syamantak Payra of Friendswood has won distinction for himself and his school by reaching the final round at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in May 2013; and

WHEREAS, A seventh-grader at Westbrook Intermediate School, Syamantak was the only person in the final round who had never participated at the nationals before; this gifted young man performed coolly throughout his competition, correctly spelling such difficult words as "panjandrum," "sansculottic," and "catawba" and maintaining his success through nine rounds; and

WHEREAS, Syamantak had earned his place at the nationals through his stellar performance at the Clear Creek Independent School District spelling bee, from which he advanced to the HoustonPBS Spelling Bee, which sends its top two spellers to the Scripps national competition; in addition, he has participated in the South Asian Spelling Bee; and

WHEREAS, The son of proud parents Sanjukta and Pramatha Payra, Syamantak also excels at mathematics and science, and in 2013 he won a gold medal in the physics and astronomy division of the district science fair and placed third at the Science Engineering Fair of Houston; he is a talented writer as well, having placed more than 12 poems and essays in anthologies and magazines, and he won second place in the Science and Engineering Writing Contest at the Houston science fair; and

WHEREAS, Syamantak Payra's exceptional scholastic ability, hard work, and commitment to excellence have opened the way to limitless opportunities for this remarkable young man, and he may indeed take great pride in his impressive performance in the national spotlight; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of Texas, 83rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Syamantak Payra for reaching the final round at the 2013 Scripps National Spelling Bee and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and a bright future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Syamantak Payra as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Taylor

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on June 18, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate