

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Syamantak Payra, a seventh-grade student at
2 Westbrook Intermediate School in Friendswood, tied for first place
3 in the 2013 HoustonPBS Spelling Bee and is now heading to
4 Washington, D.C., to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, This talented 11-year-old previously won the
7 MetLife South Asian Spelling Bee in 2012 and has distinguished
8 himself in science competitions as well; he won first place in the
9 physics and astronomy division at the 2013 Clear Creek Independent
10 School District science fair, and at this year's Science and
11 Engineering Fair of Houston, he placed second in scientific writing
12 and third in the physics and astronomy division; he took first in
13 science at the 2012 Texas Math and Science Coaches Association
14 state championship meet and competed in the 2013 American
15 Mathematics Contest, where he earned commendation for his high
16 score; and

17 WHEREAS, Also a gifted musician and writer, Syamantak was the
18 top violin soloist in his category at a 2012 state music contest,
19 and he has had numerous poems and essays accepted for publication;
20 his accomplishments have qualified him for national-level
21 recognition in the Duke University Talent Identification Program;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The son of proud parents, Pramatha Payra and
24 Sanjukta Ghose, Syamantak Payra has demonstrated impressive

1 ability, determination, and poise under pressure, and he may indeed
2 look forward to a future that is bright with promise; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Syamantak Payra on tying for first
6 place in the HoustonPBS Spelling Bee and qualifying for the Scripps
7 National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., and extend to him
8 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

Bonnen of Galveston

H.R. No. 1957

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1957 was adopted by the House on May 22, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House