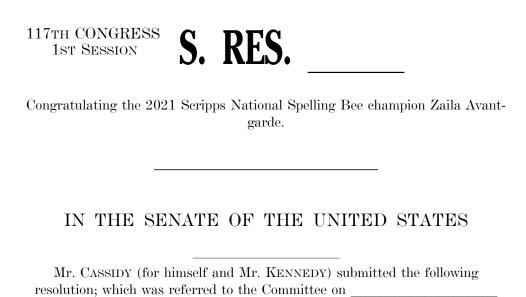
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RESOLUTION

Congratulating the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee champion Zaila Avant-garde.

- Whereas Miss Zaila Avant-garde is a 14-year-old from Harvey, Louisiana;
- Whereas Miss Avant-garde is the first winner of the Scripps National Spelling Bee from the State of Louisiana;
- Whereas the Scripps National Spelling Bee is the largest and longest-running educational promotion in the United States and is administered by the E.W. Scripps Company and local sponsors, most of whom publish daily and weekly newspapers;
- Whereas the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee began with competitors from across the United States, American Samoa, the Bahamas, Canada, Europe, Guam, Jamaica,

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New Zealand, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, and each competitor had qualified for the contest by winning locally sponsored spelling bees;

- Whereas Miss Avant-garde is the first African American to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee;
- Whereas Miss Avant-garde has spent most of her days spelling around 13,000 words per day, yet has still found time to become an accomplished basketball player and holds 3 Guinness World Records;
- Whereas Miss Avant-garde survived several rounds of fierce competition this year and won the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee by correctly spelling "murraya"; and
- Whereas the achievement of Miss Avant-garde brings an immense sense of pride to her hometown of Harvey and the entire State of Louisiana: Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 Resolved, That the Senate congratulates the 2021
 - 2 Scripps National Spelling Bee champion Zaila Avant-
 - 3 garde.