

1 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
2 COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

3 RESOLUTION NO. 17-372

4 IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING AND)  
5 CONGRATULATING ANANYA VINAY ON )  
6 HER SPECTACULAR ACHIEVEMENTS )  
7 AT THE 2017 SCRIPPS NATIONAL )  
8 SPEELING BEE )

9 **WHEREAS**, for nine decades the Scripps National Spelling Bee has challenged youth from  
10 across the United States and the world in an effort to promote literacy among the next generation;  
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, the iconic competition hosts the winners of sponsored regional spelling bees  
13 nationwide where over eleven million students compete in classrooms, schools and local  
14 events around the country including spelling bees hosted throughout Fresno County; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Ananya Vinay, a 12-year-old student at Fugman Elementary School in Fresno and  
16 Volunteer at the Fresno Community Food Bank, has victoriously prevailed as the Fresno County  
17 Champion multiple times, allowing her to advance to the national competition on more than one  
18 occasion; and


19 **WHEREAS**, after 36 rounds of competition and acing words such as "konditorei," and  
20 "heiligenschein," Ananya took first place by successfully defeating 290 other contestants to emerge as  
21 the 2017 Scripps National Bee Champion, winning \$40,000 in cash, a \$2500 U.S. savings bond, a  
22 Kindle, and a complete reference library, among other things; and

23 **WHEREAS**, since Ananya's victory, she has appeared on multiple national television programs  
24 including "Good Morning America," "Today," "Live with Kelly and Ryan," and "Jimmy Kimmel," where  
25 she has continuously represented Fresno County with humility and poise.

26 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby  
27 recognize and congratulate Ananya Vinay on her spectacular achievements at the 2017 Scripps National  
28 Spelling Bee.

**THE FOREGOING** was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of  
the County of Fresno this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors, Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

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CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

25 ATTEST:  
26 BERNICE E. SEIDEL  
27 Clerk, Board of Supervisors

28 By Susan Bishop  
Deputy