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Local boy recognized

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President King's opening day speech to the Florida Senate included a pat on the back for Anthony Hannon of Jacksonville, a sixth-grader at The Potters House Christian Academy. Anthony, 12, attended the Senate's opening ceremonies and was recognized by King and the Senate for exemplifying success in the state's corporate tax credit scholarship program.

"I was a little shocked," Anthony said later. "I knew I was going to stand up, but I didn't know I had to do it in front of so many people. But I liked it. I had to work hard."

King said Anthony's case highlights the importance of the Corporate Tax Credit program, which now provides for nearly 12,000 students in more than 900 schools. Anthony was initially considered a special needs student, but received a scholarship from the program to enter the private Jacksonville school and recently scored at or above his grade level.

Anthony's mother, Tranine Hannon, made the trip from Jacksonville to Tallahassee and sat beside her son as he was honored. "I'm so proud of him because he worked so hard to get here," she said. •
