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Title: Regarding setting up Abdul Kalam Memorial Museum

SHRI A. ANWHAR RAAJHAA (RAMANATHAPURAM): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, "Mother Tamil has given many a scientists, scholars, poets, philosophers and unparalleled leaders to the country and Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam was a prominent one among them ", was the encomium paid by our hon. Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam once said: "A dream is not the one that comes in sleep, but the one that not allows to sleep." He started as a researcher, evolved as a missile scientist and proved as a physicist. That is why, Pokhran-II has forced the super power of the world to forecast that India will be a super power in 2030. Hence, our dynamic leader hon. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Amma found Dr. Abdul Kalam a dedicated visionary motivating the youth with scientific temper to make India a great power.

When Dr. APJ's name was proposed for the highest office by hon. Atal Behari Vajpayee, the then Prime Minister, hon. Dr. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma extended her whole-hearted support. So, naturally, the Government of Tamil Nadu led by our hon. Amma has declared October 15, the birthday of Dr. Kalam as Youth Awakening Day and an award of eight gram gold medal with Rs.5 lakh cash has also been instituted in his honour. On this occasion, I would like to urge upon the Union Government to establish Abdul Kalam Memorial Museum in the National Capital and the DRDO Bhavan in the vicinity of his Delhi residence, must be re-named as Abdul Kalam Bhavan. The birth and death anniversaries of Dr. Kalam must be observed in a befitting manner.