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## Toughest words aren't tough enough for two spelling bee champs



**STELLAR SPELLERS.** Thirteen-year-old Vanya Shivashankar, left, of Olathe, Kansas, and 14-year-old Gokul Venkatachalam, right, of Chesterfield, Missouri, hold up the trophy as co-champions after winning the finals of the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Oxon Hill, Maryland. For the second straight year, the spelling bee ended with co-champions each holding onto one side of the golden trophy while they were showered with confetti. Shivashankar and Venkatachalam were the last two standing after exhausting the 25 words reserved for the final three spellers without stumbling. See story on page 13. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)



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