**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THEIR WONDERFUL EFFORTS IN HELPING SOUTH CAROLINA’S YOUTH PREPARE FOR A PRODUCTIVE LIFE AND TO RECOGNIZE THE EIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS THROUGHOUT THE STATE WHO HAVE BEEN NAMED 2014 YOUTH OF THE YEAR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS.

Whereas, in every community, some boys and girls are left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets. An increasing number of children are at home with no adult care or supervision. Young people need to know someone cares about them; and

Whereas, by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging, and influence, Boys & Girls Clubs offer that vital caring and more in programs and services that promote and enhance the development of boys and girls; and

Whereas, the Boys & Girls Clubs in South Carolina provide programs in character and leadership development, health and life skills, education and career development, sports and recreation, and the arts; and

Whereas, truly the “Positive Place for Kids,” Boys & Girls Clubs provide a safe place to learn and grow while having fun; and

Whereas, currently, eighteen Boys & Girls Club organizations operate ninety club sites in South Carolina and provide services to more than fifty thousand youth each year; and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly are pleased to learn that eight young people from different Boys & Girls Clubs throughout the Palmetto State have been named 2014 South Carolina Youth of the Year for their respective clubs. These youth and their clubs are as follows: Ashlyn Barton of BGCs of the Midlands, Charrae Priester of BGCs of the Lowcountry, Dynasti Neely of BGCs of York County, Brianna Owens of Orangeburg Area BGC, Rodnaja Ragin of TSA BGC of Sumter, Sheyann Maynard of Shaw AFB Youth Center, Monica Becton of USAG Fort Jackson CYS Services, and Kaleb Neubarth of JB Charleston Youth Program AB SC; and

Whereas, cognizant that South Carolina’s Boys & Girls Clubs are a sound and prosperous investment in the youth of our State, the South Carolina General Assembly takes great pleasure in recognizing and honoring each of these eight outstanding young people on their achievement and in commending and thanking the club staff and volunteers for their critical roles in shaping the lives of these youth. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, commend the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Carolina for their wonderful efforts in helping South Carolina’s youth prepare for a productive life and recognize the eight young people from different Boys & Girls Clubs throughout the State who have been named 2014 Youth of the Year by the South Carolina Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded in care of their respective home clubs to each of the eight young people named 2014 Youth of the Year.

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