**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, TO RECOGNIZE THE TWELVE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS THROUGHOUT THE STATE WHO HAVE BEEN NAMED 2012 YOUTH OF THE YEAR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS, AND TO DECLARE THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012, AS “BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS DAY” AT THE STATE HOUSE.

Whereas, in every community, 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 that 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 which 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, providing services to more than 50,000 youth each year; and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly are pleased to learn that twelve young people from different Boys & Girls Clubs throughout the Palmetto State have been named 2012 South Carolina Youth of the Year. These youth and their clubs are:

Kaneesha D. Dendy from the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Greenville; Bre’Anna J. Orr from Boys & Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry; Monee’ce Z.M.E.Q. Martin from Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate; Lauryssa S. Davis from the JB Charleston Youth Program AB SC; Ayana M. Crawford from Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands; Bryanna L. Paulhus from Boys & Girls Club of the Grand Strand; Eboni C. Hinton from the Shaw Air Force Base Youth Center; Ellie Becoat III, from Boys & Girls Clubs of the Pee Dee Area; Gabriel K. Gourdine from the Orangeburg Area Boys & Girls Clubs; Ronniesha M. Addison from the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Sumter; Kimberly B. King from the J. B. Charleston WS Youth Programs; and Michael A. Warner from the USAG Fort Jackson CYS Services; 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 is pleased to recognize and honor each of these twelve outstanding young people upon their receipt of a 2012 Youth of the Year award and to commend and thank 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 General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, 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, recognize the twelve young people from various Boys & Girls Clubs throughout the State who have been named 2012 Youth of the Year by the South Carolina Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, and declare Thursday, April 26, 2012, as “Boys and Girls Clubs Day” at the State House.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the twelve young people named 2012 Youth of the Year in care of their home clubs.

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