

Senate Resolution 582

By: Senator Shafer of the 48th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of Georgia and Boys & Girls Clubs  
2 of Georgia's 2013 Youth of the Year, Tyler Ragin; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in small towns and metropolitan areas, youth of this nation are struggling to  
4 create a bright future in the face of crime, substance abuse, low fitness levels, and high  
5 dropout rates; and

6 WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs encourage young people through all of its programs and  
7 particularly through its Youth of the Year program by promoting and recognizing teens who  
8 have developed sound character, leadership abilities, and a willingness to give back to their  
9 communities; and

10 WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs' Youth of the Year program recognizes teens for  
11 outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community, and Boys & Girls Clubs;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the program acknowledges the personal challenges faced by candidates and the  
14 obstacles individuals have overcome in their lives; and

15 WHEREAS, winners of the Youth of the Year award are selected on the basis of scholastic  
16 achievement, community service, leadership ability, and the consideration of any physical,  
17 social, or emotional obstacles that have been overcome; and

18 WHEREAS, the winners of this prestigious contest are awarded a college scholarship, with  
19 state winners having the opportunity to be selected as Regional Youth of the Year and  
20 National Youth of the Year; and

21 WHEREAS, the 2013 Youth of the Year represent young people in Georgia and the over  
22 90,000 young people being served in nearly 150 Boys & Girls Clubs statewide; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
24 Georgia's 2013 Youth of the Year, Tyler Ragin, be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 recognize the Boys & Girls Clubs of Georgia's 2013 Youth of the Year, Tyler Ragin, for a  
27 demonstrated commitment to improving the lives of others and serving as a shining example  
28 for all young people in this state.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Georgia and  
31 Boys & Girls Clubs of Georgia's 2013 Youth of the Year, Tyler Ragin.