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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Bosma, Pelath*

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the work of the  
Indiana Boys & Girls Clubs.

*Whereas, There are 122 Boys & Girls Clubs sites in the  
State of Indiana representing 36 organizations that provide  
services to over 99,000 youth each year;*

*Whereas, The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs is "to  
enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to  
reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible  
citizens";*

*Whereas, Through strong, proven developmental programs,  
Boys & Girls Clubs stress character and leadership  
development, education and career advancement, and health*

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*and life skills;*

*Whereas, Boys & Girls Clubs also encourage an appreciation for the arts and provide programs in sports, fitness, and recreation;*

*Whereas, Involvement in these programs helps to promote a better self-image and an improved education, social, emotional, and cultural awareness while encouraging community involvement, strong moral values, and enhanced life management skills;*

*Whereas, Boys & Girls Clubs of America began in 1860 in Hartford, Connecticut, to provide boys with a positive alternative to roaming the streets;*

*Whereas, In 1956, Boys Clubs of America celebrated its 50th Anniversary and received a United States Congressional Charter;*

*Whereas, Recognizing the fact that girls are also served by the organization, the national organization's name was changed to Boys & Girls Clubs of America in 1990, and Congress amended and renewed its charter;*

*Whereas, In 2006, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America celebrated 100 years of providing hope and opportunity to young people across the country;*

*Whereas, Through the years, the Boys & Girls Clubs have encouraged young people to aspire to the highest level of personal development and to become good citizens who are involved in their communities;*

*Whereas, In recognition of the good work done by this outstanding organization, the Indiana House of Representatives has selected the Boys & Girls Clubs as its charity for the 2016 session of the Indiana General Assembly; and*

*Whereas, Throughout the years, the Boys & Girls Clubs have provided a safe place to learn and grow, ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals, life enhancing*



*programs and character development experiences, and hope and opportunity: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
2 acknowledges the good work done by the Boys & Girls Clubs  
3 throughout Indiana and the United States. Many children's lives have  
4 been changed for the better because of the programs offered them by  
5 Boys & Girls Clubs.

6       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Lana Taylor, State  
8 Alliance Director, Indiana Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs.

