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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 1, 2024, TO BE "BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS YOUTH OF THE YEAR DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Abney, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Fellela, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Handy, and Ajello

Date Introduced: April 30, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Rhode Island's young people are laying the foundation for a future that is  
2 unbounded with promise and filled with the potential to become tomorrow's leaders; and

3 WHEREAS, Currently, there are six Boys & Girls Clubs in communities throughout the  
4 State of Rhode Island located in East Providence, Pawtucket, Providence, Newport County,  
5 Northern Rhode Island, and Warwick; and

6 WHEREAS, At the forefront of efforts in youth development, the Boys & Girls Clubs  
7 offer programs for homework help, workforce readiness, health & wellness, substance abuse  
8 prevention, recreation and more to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to  
9 reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, The Boys & Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year program, which was  
11 established in 1947, is a premier recognition program for Club members; and

12 WHEREAS, The Youth of the Year Program promotes service to the Boys & Girls  
13 Clubs, to community and family, as well as encouraging academic success, strong moral  
14 character, and life goals in order to foster a new generation of leaders, who are fully prepared to  
15 live and lead in a diverse, global, and integrated world economy; and

16 WHEREAS, The following outstanding young people have been selected based on the  
17 above merits, and proudly represent their respective Clubs, the more than 20,000 youth served by  
18 Boys & Girls Club programs, and the State of Rhode Island as a whole: Wayne McNamara (Boys  
19 & Girls Clubs of Northern Rhode Island), Tyler Moyet (Boys & Girls Clubs of Providence),

1 Rozaria Dos Santos (Boys & Girls Club of East Providence), Gerardo Carino Jr. (Boys & Girls  
2 Club of Pawtucket), Gionna Michel (Boys & Girls Club of Newport County) and Salem Hale  
3 (Boys & Girls Clubs of Warwick); and

4 WHEREAS, It is fitting that this House recognizes those young men and women who,  
5 through their accomplishments have demonstrated their unflagging commitment to excellence;  
6 now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
8 proclaims May 1, 2024, to be “Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year Day” and call upon all  
9 Rhode Islanders to recognize and commend these youth for their significant accomplishments and  
10 contributions to our communities; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Alliance of Boys & Girls  
13 Clubs.

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