

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 207

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Nadia Valdez upon being named the Tennessee State Youth of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable young citizen is Nadia Valdez, who was recently named as the Tennessee State Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Club of America exists to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Youth of the Year Award is the highest honor a member of the Boys and Girls Club can receive, as it recognizes a member's outstanding contributions to family, school, community, and the club, as well as the recipient's invaluable ability to overcome hardship and manage challenges. Along with this prestigious title, Ms. Valdez will receive a plaque and a \$5,000 check from the Tennessee Titans Foundation and a \$1,000 scholarship from Tupperware USA, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Valdez has been a valuable member of the Morristown Club for ten years and was previously named the 2010 Senior Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of Morristown; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional senior at Morristown-Hamblen High School West, Nadia Valdez was named a Tennessee Scholar and earned the Best Math Student Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Valdez will be representing the Boys and Girls Club of Tennessee at the Southeast Regional Youth of the Year competition in Atlanta in June of this year; and

WHEREAS, Nadia Valdez's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Valdez's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her community; her mother, Eva Valdez; and her six younger siblings; and

WHEREAS, Nadia Valdez truly epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ms. Valdez, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Nadia Valdez on being named the Tennessee State Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.