

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 912

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the outstanding work of the Boys and Girls Clubs in Tennessee and the Youth of the Year Candidates.

WHEREAS, the mission of the Boys and Girls Clubs (BGC) Tennessee Alliance is to enable all young people, especially those who need it most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs Tennessee Alliance is comprised of twenty-one organizations with seventy-five facilities across the state, serving 31,546 members annually; and

WHEREAS, established in 1947, the Youth of the Year is the Boys and Girls Clubs' premier recognition program for club members, promoting service to club, community, and family; with guidance in academic success, strong moral character, life goals, poise and public speaking ability; and

WHEREAS, the program is most effective when used as a year-round tool for fostering young people's character, personal growth, and leadership qualities; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs holds an annual Youth of the Year state competition to recognize outstanding club members. Participants are club members ages fourteen to eighteen who are selected by their individual clubs as Youth of the Month winners and ultimately, the club Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, state winners will go on to compete at the regional level, and five regional winners will be selected to compete on the national level; the National Youth of the Year is installed by the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 candidates for the Youth of the Year program in Tennessee are outstanding representatives of the Boys and Girls Club experience and its impact on children and youth in the State; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Youth of the Year candidates deserve recognition for their accomplishments, and are as follows: Brooklyn Goolesby, BGC of Rutherford County (Murfreesboro); Austin Chatman, BGC of Maury County (Columbia); Ashley Heatherly, BGC of Smoky Mountains (Sevierville); Cheyenne Poe, BGC of the Monroe Area (Madisonville); Anna Burch, BGC of Jackson, Destiny Moore, BGC of Middle TN (Nashville); Alexo'ndria McKinney, BGC of TN Valley (Knoxville); Clifton Biddwell, BGC of Cleveland; Whitney Andes, BGC of Elizabethton/Carter County; Kaitlyn Huertas, BGC of Morristown; Isabelle Krueger, BGC of Greater Kingsport; Cheyenne Gray, BGC of Greeneville/Greene County; Johnny Britt, BGC of Johnson City; Carlisha McKenzie, BGC of Chattanooga; Whitney Moore, BGC of Dumplin Valley (Jefferson City); Tavina Malone, BGC of Greater Memphis; Trevon Mays, BGC of Northwest TN; Michael Gray, BGC of the Cumberland Plateau; Zachary Cosey, Mid-South Naval Support Activity; and Deondre Nelson, BGC of Pulaski; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that it is only fitting and just that the Boys and Girls Clubs Tennessee Alliance be recognized for its impact on children and youth in the state and the 2014 Youth of the Year candidates be recognized for their accomplishments.

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