

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1057

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Hannah Maurice upon being selected as the Boys and Girls Clubs of 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 person is Hannah Maurice, who was recently named the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tennessee State Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School, Hannah received the Youth of the Year award from the Boys and Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains, her local club, earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs exist to serve youth and be safe places of encouragement, character building, security, and love for children; and

WHEREAS, since 1947, the Youth of the Year has been the Boys and Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program, celebrating the extraordinary achievements of club members; and

WHEREAS, a twelve-year member of the Boys and Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains, Hannah Maurice helped create One Special Night, the annual prom for special needs students in Sevier County; she began the event because her younger sister, Grace, is a special needs student, and she wanted to help her and other students in similar situations; and

WHEREAS, upon her high school graduation, Hannah plans to attend the University of Tennessee and study special needs physical therapy; and

WHEREAS, Youth of the Year participants embody the values of leadership, service, academic excellence, and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Youth of the Year participants like Hannah Maurice exemplify the critical impact of Boys and Girls Clubs on the lives of young people; and

WHEREAS, through the Youth of the Year program, Hannah and other Youth of the Year participants are able to showcase their talents and achievements, share their hopes and dreams, and work toward a bright and positive future; and

WHEREAS, Hannah Maurice is a shining example that GREAT FUTURES START HERE—at the Boys and Girls Clubs; 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 Hannah Maurice, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others and who should be specially recognized for their public and community service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Hannah Maurice upon being named the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tennessee State Youth of the Year 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.