

No. R-517. House concurrent resolution congratulating Scott Santamore of Rutland on being named the 2012 Boys & Girls Clubs of America Vermont Youth of the Year.

(H.C.R.401)

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Andrews of Rutland City, Courcelle of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, McNeil of Rutland Town and Shaw of Pittsford

Offered by: Senators Carris, Flory and Mullin

Whereas, for the past 13 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs in Vermont have honored one club member as the Vermont Youth of the Year, and

Whereas, as explained in a club press release, the Youth of the Year Award is presented for “outstanding contributions to a member’s family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club, as well as overcoming personal challenges and obstacles,” and

Whereas, the selection process begins with the designation of six community winners who then gather in Montpelier for a day’s worth of events, the most important being a half-hour interview before a panel of judges, and

Whereas, each finalist had to complete a series of essays and speeches and have a record of accomplishment, and

Whereas, after extremely careful scrutiny, the judges were pleased to announce that Scott Santamore of Rutland was the 2012 Vermont Youth of the Year, the first Rutland area recipient of this award, and

Whereas, Scott Santamore’s personal story is truly inspirational, as he is a young man who was recently left homeless and who works at McDonald’s for

40 hours per week but still managed to graduate from high school a year early, enroll at the Community College of Vermont, and find his own apartment, and

Whereas, his Boys' & Girls Club activities have included Drama Matters, Rock Lab, Our Voices Exposed, Club Ambassadors, and Christmas Carolers, and

Whereas, for two years, Scott has volunteered in the Rutland Boys & Girls Club's Junior Club as a staff member, and the junior club's coordinator spoke of Scott Santamore as a young man with a "positive attitude" and stated that he is great with children, and

Whereas, aside from the many hours he volunteers for the Boys & Girls Club in Rutland, Scott Santamore is active with his church choir and the Rutland Youth Theatre, and

Whereas, as the Vermont Youth of the Year, Scott was presented a \$1,000 scholarship and the opportunity to participate in this award's regional and national competitions, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Scott Santamore of Rutland on being the named the 2012 Boys & Girls Clubs of America Vermont Youth of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Scott Santamore in Rutland.