

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4612, by Representatives Eslick, Ryu, Pollet, Valdez, Thai, Taylor, Lovick, Senn, Abbarno, Barkis, Boehnke, Caldier, Chambers, Chandler, Chase, Corry, Dent, Dufault, Dye, Gilday, Goehner, Graham, Griffey, Harris, Hoff, Jacobsen, Klicker, Klippert, Kraft, Kretz, MacEwen, Maycumber, McCaslin, McEntire, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Robertson, Rude, Schmick, Steele, Stokesbary, Sutherland, Vick, Volz, Walsh, Wilcox, Ybarra, Young, Dolan, Shewmake, Wicks, Duerr, Sells, Leavitt, Paul, and Rule

1 WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs in Washington state serve more than
2 76,000 kids and teens annually; and

3 WHEREAS, The mission of Boys and Girls Clubs in Washington state
4 is to enable all young people, especially those who need it most, to
5 reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible
6 citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs work to ensure each member reaches
8 three priority outcomes: Succeed academically, graduation from high
9 school ready for college, trade school, military service, or full-
10 time employment; demonstrate good character and citizenship, engage
11 in their communities, register to vote, and model strong character;
12 and commit to healthy lifestyles, adopting a healthy diet, practicing
13 healthy lifestyle choices, and making a lifelong commitment to
14 fitness; and

15 WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs provide leadership opportunities to
16 over 300 student leaders annually through the Youth of the Year
17 program, and Keystone Summit; and

18 WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs in Washington state have mentored
19 and supported three National Youth of the Year winners: Dr. Tony
20 Agtarap, Dr. Liberty Franklin, and Snohomish County Prosecuting
21 Attorney Adam Cornell, all representing the greatness of Washington's
22 youth on the national stage; and

1 WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs serve an additional 50,000 youth
2 through community outreach, including sports leagues, leadership
3 development summits, juvenile rehabilitation engagement, STEM, and
4 other enrichment events; and

5 WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs in Washington led other clubs
6 across the country in remaining open and accessible to youth and
7 families when it was needed most during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

8 WHEREAS, Club organizations stepped in immediately to fill gaps
9 for communities, including serving more than 400,000 snacks and meals
10 in the first four months of the crisis; and

11 WHEREAS, When schools closed a year ago, clubs became learning
12 centers for children overnight and staff went from planning
13 activities to teaching algebra and the ABCs; and

14 WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Club staff are unsung heroes to countless
15 families and communities across Washington state; and

16 WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs continue to provide remote learning
17 hubs, child care supports, academic tutoring and assistance with in-
18 person and virtual, social-emotional learning opportunities, and
19 important connections with caring, supportive adults; and

20 WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs have been in Washington state for
21 more than 80 years serving communities large and small;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
23 recognize the Boys and Girls Clubs throughout Washington for their
24 outstanding commitment to children, teens, and families, and commend
25 the efforts of over 1,400 staff in more than 150 Club locations for
26 ensuring that young people have a safe, fun, and positive place to
27 go, especially during times of crisis.

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