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House Resolution 1033

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Youth Advisory Council of Columbus, Georgia; inviting the members of
- 2 the Youth Advisory Council to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time
- 3 to be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the Youth Advisory Council of Columbus, Georgia, a partnership between the
- 5 City of Columbus and the Muscogee County School District, was inaugurated in 2001 with
- 6 the mission of broadening the scope of youth leadership in the area through volunteer service
- 7 and initiatives directed toward allowing youth input into policy issues, identifying issues of
- 8 concern to youth, and participating in the development of positive solutions for problems
- 9 confronting youth; and
- 10 WHEREAS, 78 members of the Youth Advisory Council were selected to represent the
- 11 middle schools, high schools, and alternative schools of the Muscogee County School
- 12 District; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the selection criteria for members included extracurricular activities,
- 14 demonstrated leadership skills, community involvement, and recommendations; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the members of the Youth Advisory Council have been visionary in identifying
- 16 a number of issues concerning youth, including school violence, underage drinking, dress
- 17 codes, peer pressure, school starting time, driver's education in schools, youth's role in raising
- 18 the level of education, schools' policies regarding behavior, teen pregnancy, drug and alcohol
- 19 use, and unity among youth; and
- 20 WHEREAS, projects and programs of interest to this exceptional group of young people
- 21 include "Leader for a Day," an advisory committee for civic center events and entertainment,
- 22 Habitat for Humanity, starting a tutorial program, mentoring, and a neighborhood cleanup;
- 23 and

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1 WHEREAS, the significant leadership of the outstanding members of the Youth Advisory

- 2 Council demonstrated the intelligence and diligence of the membership and the excellence
- 3 of the concept.
- 4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 5 the members of this body commend and congratulate the members of the Youth Advisory
- 6 Council for a task well done and predict a bright future for each member and the Youth
- 7 Advisory Council.
- 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Youth Advisory Council are invited
- 9 to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the
- 10 Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Youth Advisory
- 13 Council.