

House Resolution 591

By: Representatives Williamson of the 111th, Abrams of the 84th, Lindsey of the 54th, Jones of the 46th, O`Neal of the 146th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of Georgia and Boys & Girls Clubs
2 of Georgia's 2011 Youth of the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in small towns and metropolitan areas, the youth of this nation are struggling
4 to create a bright future in the face of crime, substance abuse, low fitness levels, and high
5 dropout rates; and

6 WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs encourage young people through all of their programs
7 and particularly through their Youth of the Year program by promoting and recognizing
8 teens who have developed sound character, leadership abilities, and a willingness to give
9 back to their communities; and

10 WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year program recognizes teens for
11 outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community, and Boys & Girls Clubs;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, sponsored by the *Readers Digest* Foundation since its inception in 1947, the
14 program acknowledges the personal challenges faced by candidates and the obstacles
15 individuals have overcome in their lives; and

16 WHEREAS, winners of the Youth of the Year award are selected on the basis of scholastic
17 achievement, community service, leadership ability, and the consideration of any physical,
18 social, or emotional obstacles that have been overcome; and

19 WHEREAS, the *Reader's Digest* Foundation awards the winners of this prestigious contest
20 a \$1,000.00 college scholarship, with state winners having the opportunity to be selected as
21 Regional Youth of the Year and National Youth of the Year; and

22 WHEREAS, the 2011 Georgia Youth of the Year represents young people in Georgia and
23 the over 130,000 young people being served in nearly 170 Boys & Girls Clubs state wide;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Georgia's 2011 Youth of the Year will be one of nine to compete for the
26 Southeast Regional Youth of the Year award in the early summer of 2011; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
28 the Georgia 2011 Youth of the Year be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize the Boys & Girls Clubs of Georgia's 2011 Youth of the
31 Year for a demonstrated commitment to improving the lives of others and serving as a
32 shining example for all young people in this state.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Boys & Girls Clubs of
35 Georgia and Boys & Girls Clubs of Georgia's 2011 Youth of the Year.