

## House Resolution 1581

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Lindsey of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Williamson of the 115<sup>th</sup>, Abrams of the 89<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of Georgia and Boys & Girls Clubs  
2 of Georgia's 2014 Military Youth of the Year, Brendan Kennedy; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in small towns and metropolitan areas, youth of this nation are struggling to  
4 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 its programs and  
7 particularly through its Youth of the Year program by promoting and recognizing teens who  
8 have developed sound character, leadership abilities, and a willingness to give back to their  
9 communities; and

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

13 WHEREAS, the program acknowledges the personal challenges faced by candidates and the  
14 obstacles individuals have overcome in their lives; and

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

18 WHEREAS, the winners of this prestigious contest are awarded a college scholarship, with  
19 state winners having the opportunity to be selected as Military Regional Youth of the Year  
20 and Military National Youth of the Year; and

21 WHEREAS, Georgia's 2014 Military Youth of the Year will be one of nine to compete for  
22 the Southeast Regional Youth of the Year award in the Summer of 2014; and

23 WHEREAS, the 2014 Military Youth of the Year represent young people in Georgia being  
24 served in 11 Military Boys & Girls Clubs statewide; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
26 Georgia's 2014 Military Youth of the Year, Brendan Kennedy, be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body recognize the Boys & Girls Clubs of Georgia's 2014 Military  
29 Youth of the Year, Brendan Kennedy, for a demonstrated commitment to improving the lives  
30 of others and serving as a shining example for all young people in this state.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Boys & Girls Clubs of  
33 Georgia and Boys & Girls Clubs of Georgia's 2014 Military Youth of the Year, Brendan  
34 Kennedy.