

Senate Resolution 186

By: Senators Hill of the 6th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Dugan of the 30th, Sims of the 12th, Hill of the 32nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of Georgia and Boys & Girls Clubs
2 of Georgia's 2015 Youth of the Year; 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 encourages young people through all of its programs
7 and particularly through its Youth of the Year program by promoting and recognizing teens
8 that have developed sound character, leadership abilities, and a willingness to give back to
9 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, 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 Youth of the Year award are selected on the basis of scholastic
16 achievement, community service, leadership ability, and the consideration of any physical,
17 social, or emotional obstacles that have been overcome; and

18 WHEREAS, the winners of this prestigious contest are awarded a \$5,000 college scholarship,
19 with state winners having the opportunity to be selected as Regional Youth of the Year and
20 National Youth of the Year; and

21 WHEREAS, the 2015 Georgia Youth of the Year represents young people in Georgia and
22 the over 90,000 young people being served in nearly 150 Boys & Girls Clubs state wide; and

23 WHEREAS, Georgia's 2015 Youth of the Year will be one of nine to compete for the
24 Southeast Regional Youth of the Year award in early summer, 2015; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
26 the Georgia 2015 Youth of the Year be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize the Boys & Girls Clubs of Georgia's 2015 Youth of the Year for a demonstrated
29 commitment to improving the lives of others and serving as a shining example for all young
30 people in this state.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Boys & Girls
33 Clubs of Georgia and Boys & Girls Clubs of Georgia's 2015 Georgia Youth of the Year.