

## House Resolution 533

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, England of the 116<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 47<sup>th</sup>, O`Neal of the 146<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 2015 Youth of the Year, Mikayla Taylor; 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 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 \$5,000.00 college  
19 scholarship, with state winners having the opportunity to be selected as Regional Youth of  
20 the Year and 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 statewide; 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 the summer of 2015; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
26 Georgia's 2015 Youth of the Year, Mikayla Taylor, 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 2015 Youth of the  
29 Year, Mikayla Taylor, for a demonstrated commitment to improving the lives of others and  
30 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 make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
33 Boys & Girls Clubs of Georgia and Boys & Girls Clubs of Georgia's 2015 Youth of the Year,  
34 Mikayla Taylor.