

Senate Resolution 1167

By: Senator Martin of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Brian Ball of Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta for being
2 named the 2015-2016 Youth of the Year for Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the prestigious Youth of the Year Award is the Boys & Girls Clubs of
4 America's highest honor, recognizing teens from Clubs across the country who are working
5 hard, investing in themselves, and demonstrating leadership; and

6 WHEREAS, competing with more than 25 teens from Boys & Girls Clubs across the state,
7 Brian Ball was chosen for his strong leadership and unwavering efforts to make a difference
8 in his school, Club, and community, and during the two-day competition, hundreds of
9 attendees heard from these young leaders about where they started, how their Clubs helped
10 shape who they are today, and what big dreams they have for the future; and

11 WHEREAS, in the summer of 2016, Brian will represent Georgia as the Youth of the Year
12 at the southeast competition, and if he takes the top prize there, he will continue to the
13 national competition in the fall where he will have a chance to meet the President of the
14 United States and win a renewable scholarship totaling \$100,000.00; and

15 WHEREAS, Brian believes his purpose in life is to inspire his generation and to connect and
16 awaken others to the world around them, and he lives by the motto "Born to inspire. Live
17 to inspire"; and

18 WHEREAS, he is deeply involved in the community as evidenced by his leadership as the
19 President of the Lawrenceville Boys & Girls Club's Keystone Club, a service and leadership
20 group for teens between the ages of 14 and 18, and this enables Brian to use his passion for
21 photography, poetry, and videography to shine a light on key social issues facing kids today;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Brian has worked on campaigns combating bullying, preventing teen suicide,
24 and promoting the power of positivity, and his most recent outreach, "Turn it Off,"
25 encourages kids and teens to connect to each other and their communities on a personal level;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, he has made impressive strides in his academic career since enrolling at a new
28 charter school in ninth grade, and now, thanks to help from a program called College Bound,
29 he is enrolled in six Advanced Placement classes; and

30 WHEREAS, a natural-born leader, Brian devotes much of his charisma, intellect, and passion
31 toward helping others, and in the past couple of years, he has volunteered more than 500
32 hours of time at his Club, mentoring peers and younger members.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 recognize and commend Brian Ball of Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta for being
35 named the 2015-2016 Youth of the Year for Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Brian Ball.