

House Resolution 585

By: Representatives Lim of the 98th, Beckles of the 96th, Reeves of the 99th, Clark of the 108th, and McClain of the 109th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Boy With a Ball; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Boy With a Ball was founded in 2001 by Executive Director Jamie Johnson in
3 San Antonio, Texas, with the mission of developing young people and implementing scalable
4 solutions to address community needs; and
- 5 WHEREAS, since its inception, Boy With a Ball has launched over 50,000 youth as
6 changemakers, inspiring citywide movements to revitalize struggling neighborhoods in
7 Atlanta, across the United States, and in Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the organization has further dedicated 435,380 volunteer hours, engaged 9,786
9 volunteers, facilitated 723 small groups, and fostered 3,034 mentoring relationships; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in a groundbreaking achievement, Boy With a Ball played a central role in
11 developing the El Triangulo de la Solidaridad squatter's settlement in San José, Costa Rica,
12 through its Love Your City initiative in partnership with the United States; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in recognition of its outstanding contributions to social progress, Boy With a
14 Ball was granted special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social

15 Council in 2015 as well as the opportunity to present its Love Your City model at the World
16 Bank's Annual Meetings in 2016; and

17 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Jamie Johnson, Boy With a Ball has expanded to 12
18 teams operating in seven countries, continuing to transform the lives of young people and the
19 communities they serve; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this exemplary organization be
21 appropriately honored during this special time.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize and commend Boy With a Ball for its profound
24 contributions to youth development and community transformation as well as extend best
25 wishes for continued success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Boy
28 With a Ball.