

## House Resolution 1097

By: Representatives Reese of the 140<sup>th</sup>, Olaleye of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Howard of the 129<sup>th</sup>, Sharper of the 177<sup>th</sup>, and Crawford of the 89<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 3, 2025, as Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. Day; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. (YAP) was founded on November 3, 1975,  
4 with a bold mission to provide community-based alternatives to institutional care for young  
5 people and families, transforming lives and empowering communities; and

6 WHEREAS, over the past 50 years, YAP has become a global leader in innovative and  
7 effective advocacy, serving youth and families in urban, suburban, rural, and exurban  
8 communities by providing individualized, strength-based services that keep families together;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, YAP's unique evidence-based model includes a commitment to a "no eject, no  
11 reject" policy, ensuring that every young person and family receives the support they need  
12 without exclusion; and

13 WHEREAS, YAP's work has successfully reduced reliance on out-of-home placements such  
14 as detention centers, residential treatment facilities, and correctional placements, offering

15 cost-effective solutions that prioritize the well-being of youth, families, and communities;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, YAP's holistic approach to youth and family advocacy has fostered resilience,  
18 created economic opportunities through workforce development, and built safer, stronger  
19 communities across the nation and around the world; and

20 WHEREAS, the year 2025 marks the 50th Anniversary of YAP's impactful service,  
21 celebrating decades of advancing equity, justice, and positive outcomes for countless  
22 individuals.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize November 3, 2025, as Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.  
25 Day.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
28 public and the press.