By: Goodman H.R. No. 124

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Boys and Girls Clubs of Texas have made 2 invaluable contributions to the youth of the Lone Star State 3 throughout their rich history; and

WHEREAS, Providing services to more than 375,000 school-aged children, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Texas have remained steadfastly dedicated to encouraging all young people, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, to aspire to the highest levels of personal growth and achievement; and

WHEREAS, Through strong, proven programs, the Boys and Girls Clubs emphasize the development of character and leadership, the advancement of education and career, and the acquisition of important health and life management skills; the organization also helps to foster an appreciation for the arts and enhance physical fitness through sports and recreation opportunities; moreover, the clubs promote self-esteem and improved educational, social, emotional, and cultural awareness, all the while encouraging community involvement and instilling strong moral values; and

WHEREAS, On February 17, 2005, one of eight outstanding statewide finalists will be chosen as Texas State Youth of the Year to represent the State of Texas at the National Youth of the Year contest sponsored by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing that children are our state's most valuable resource, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Texas have long encouraged young people to realize their full potential as

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productive, responsible, and caring citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

Legislature hereby commend the Boys and Girls Clubs across Texas

for the outstanding services that they provide young people and

their families and extend sincere best wishes for continued success

to all those associated with these noteworthy clubs.