
#### Abstract

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WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the 81st Texas Legislature is pleased to recognize the Boys \& Girls Clubs from across the state for the valuable contribution they make to the young people of this state; and

WHEREAS, Boys \& Girls Clubs provide services to more than 418,000 school-aged children in 172 cities in Texas, with the goal of inspiring all young people, especially those who need inspiration most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens; and

WHEREAS, Evidence-based and proven effective, the development programs of the Boys \& Girls Clubs stress character and leadership development, education and career advancement, and health and life skills; the clubs also encourage an appreciation of the arts and provide programs in sports, fitness, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, These programs promote healthier self-images among young people, as well as improved educational, emotional, and cultural awareness; they also encourage community involvement, strong moral values, and enhanced life-management skills; and

WHEREAS, On March 10, 2009, one of eight finalists will be chosen as Texas State Youth of the Year, and he or she will represent Texas in the National Youth of the Year competition sponsored by the Boys \& Girls Clubs of America; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Boys \& Girls Clubs have helped


 countless young men and women across the Lone Star State to aspire to the highest level of personal development and to become good citizens of their communities; now, therefore, be itRESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas Legislature hereby commend the Boys \& Girls Clubs in Texas for the outstanding services and programs they provide in behalf of the state's young people and their families and extend to all involved with the organizations sincere best wishes for continued success.

