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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Members, staff, and supporters of the Boys & Girls 2 Clubs are gathering at the State Capitol on March 3, 2015, providing 3 a fitting occasion to pay tribute to this noteworthy organization 4 and to recognize the Texas State Youth and Texas Military Youth of 5 the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Clubs provide services to more than 7 360,000 school-aged youth in over 180 communities in Texas, with 8 the goal to inspire all young people, especially those who need it 9 most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, 10 and caring citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, Evidence-based and proven effective, the youth 12 development programs of the Boys & Girls Clubs generate strong 13 results in three areas--academic success, healthy lifestyles, and 14 good character and citizenship; the clubs also encourage an 15 appreciation of the arts and promote fitness and active 16 participation in sports; and

WHEREAS, Taken together, these programs foster in children a healthier self-image, as well as improved educational, emotional, and cultural awareness, while also promoting leadership, community involvement, strong moral values, and enhanced life-management skills; and

WHEREAS, On March 3, one of eight regional finalists will be named Texas State Youth of the Year, and one of eight youths of the year from military-based clubs will be selected as Texas Military

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Youth of the Year; these two outstanding individuals will then
represent the state in the Southwest Regional and possibly the
National Youth of the Year and National Military Youth of the Year
competitions; and

5 WHEREAS, Through the years, Boys & Girls Clubs have 6 encouraged their members to aspire to the highest levels of 7 personal development and to become good citizens, and the 8 organization has made a positive and lasting difference in the 9 lives of countless young Texans; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas 11 Legislature hereby congratulate the 2015 Texas State Youth of the 12 Year and Texas Military Youth of the Year and commend the Boys & 13 Girls Clubs of Texas for their efforts on behalf of youth and their 14 families.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 803 was adopted by the House on March 3, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House