

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 304

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Boys and Girls Clubs in Texas for the valuable contribution they make to the young people and families of this state; and

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

WHEREAS, Through strong, evidence-based, and proven-effective youth development programs, leaders in the Boys and Girls Clubs stress character and leadership development, education and career advancement, and health and life skills; they encourage an appreciation for the arts and provide programs in sports, fitness, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, The programs promote a better self-image and improved education, social, emotional, and cultural awareness while encouraging community involvement, strong moral values, and enhanced life management skills; and

WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs programs result in positive outcomes in the three primary areas of academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, On March 3, 2015, one of eight finalists from Texas will be chosen as Texas State Youth of the Year to represent the State of Texas in the National Youth of the Year competition for Boys and Girls Clubs of America; and

WHEREAS, On March 3, 2015, one of seven Military Youth of the Year honorees from Texas military-based clubs will be chosen as Texas Military Youth of the Year to represent the State of Texas in the National Military Youth of the Year competition for Boys and Girls Clubs of America; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Boys and Girls Clubs have encouraged young people to aspire to the highest level of personal development and to become good citizens who are involved in their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend the Boys and Girls Clubs across Texas for the outstanding services they provide to young people and their families; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the clubs as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 3, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate