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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Texas have made a profound 2 difference in the lives of countless youth by helping them to 3 realize their full potential as responsible, productive, and caring 4 citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Clubs are present in more than 180 Texas 6 communities, where they serve over 360,000 school-aged youth; the 7 clubs offer strong evidence-based programs focused on three primary 8 outcome areas: academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good 9 character and citizenship; they also encourage an appreciation for 10 the arts, promote fitness and recreation, and provide young people 11 with the opportunity to participate in sports; and

WHEREAS, These programs have a positive impact on the self-image and academic performance of participants, and they help young members to develop moral values, life skills, and social, emotional, cultural, and community awareness as they make the transition to adulthood; and

WHEREAS, Since 1947, Boys & Girls Clubs have celebrated the 17 extraordinary achievements of club members with the Youth of the 18 Year program; each year, two outstanding young people are chosen 19 from clubs statewide to be the Texas State Youth of the Year and the 20 Texas Military Youth of the Year, and they go on to represent Texas 21 in the nationwide competition for Boys & Girls Clubs of America; and 22 23 WHEREAS, Through the years, Boys & Girls Clubs in Texas have encouraged young people to aspire to the highest level of their 24

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1 personal development, and in so doing, they have made an invaluable
2 contribution to our communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby commend Boys & Girls Clubs from across the Lone Star State for the outstanding services that they provide youth and families and extend to all those involved with the clubs sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 9 prepared for the Texas Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs as an 10 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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