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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the YMCA Texas Youth and Government Program in honor of the group's visit to the State Capitol, where it will hold its Middle School Youth and Government conference on February 1, 2025, and its High School Youth and Government conference on February 28 and March 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA Texas Youth and Government Program was established in 1946 as a part of the YMCA's nationwide effort to heighten political awareness among the nation's youth and instill in them the value of social action; the Texas program has since taught countless young people the value of democratic government as well as its practical application in public policy, and the program has helped to shape responsible and engaged young citizens and future leaders; and

WHEREAS, The annual YMCA Texas Youth and Government Program conferences provide a platform for young citizens throughout the state who want to elevate their voices and engage in meaningful debate and discussions on matters personal to them and their communities; this year, more than 1,500 high school students and nearly 500 middle school students are participating in the event; and

WHEREAS, Transformative and educational, the YMCA Texas Youth and Government Program inspires young people to become

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responsible citizens who are active in the American democratic process and who are leaders and engaged members of their communities; the program and its participants are truly deserving of recognition for their commitment to upholding democracy and for their contributions to the bright future of our state and nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby recognize the members of the YMCA Texas Youth and Government Program and extend to them best wishes for success at the 2025 middle school and high school conferences at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the program as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.