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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND COMMENDING THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF RHODE ISLAND  
YOUTH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

Introduced By: Senators Miller, Metts, Algieri, Nesselbush, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: May 09, 2018

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Rhode Island are an integral part of our  
2 communities. Not only do they provide a safe space for our youth, but their programs help our  
3 young people develop and build the skills they need to be successful; and

4 WHEREAS, Since 1947, the Youth of the Year program has encouraged young members  
5 of the Boys & Girls Club to reach their full potential through academic success, healthy lifestyles,  
6 and contributing to their communities; and

7 WHEREAS, The Youth of the Year program richly demonstrates the positive impact the  
8 Boys & Girls Clubs exert on young peoples' lives and on the future of our nation. Boys & Girls  
9 Clubs help youth enter the world with positive self-identity, educational, social, emotional, and  
10 cultural competencies, community and civic involvement, a moral compass, and attributes and  
11 capabilities our young people need to become responsible, successful, patriotic adults and leaders.  
12 Youth of the Year winners at the local, state, regional, and national levels exemplify the hard  
13 work, determination, and hope of the Boys & Girls Club movement; and

14 WHEREAS, The rich history of the Youth of the Year program emanates from the efforts  
15 of generations of dedicated staff and volunteers who have mentored Club youth and helped them  
16 to reach their full potential; and

17 WHEREAS, Being named a Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club  
18 member can receive. This award signifies that the member has contributed in multiple ways to  
19 their family, school, community, and Boys & Girls Club. The award also testifies to the fact that

1 the recipient has had to overcome personal challenges and obstacles, even as they have devoted  
2 time and effort into improving the lives of those around them; and

3 WHEREAS, It is fitting that our outstanding young people and the organizations that  
4 support them are recognized for making Rhode Island a better place. In 2018, we honor the  
5 following six young people who have made an indelible impression on their communities:  
6 Brianna M. George, Boys & Girls Club of East Providence, Destiny Monteiro, Boys & Girls Club  
7 of Pawtucket, Latifat Odetunde, Boys & Girls Club of Providence, Nicholas Iarussi, Boys & Girls  
8 Club of Northern Rhode Island, Olivia Martinelli, Boys & Girls Club of Warwick, and Terrell L.  
9 Bennett, Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
11 hereby honors and commends the Boys & Girls Clubs of Rhode Island and congratulates the six  
12 young people who have been named Youth of the Year. We thank all of the people involved who  
13 have contributed selflessly to their communities, served as role models, and committed  
14 themselves to doing more for the state. We extend to the awardees our best wishes for success,  
15 and hope the Boys & Girls Clubs continue their fine work shaping the lives of Rhode Islanders;  
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to James I. Clark, President and CEO of the Boys  
19 & Girls Clubs of America.

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