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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

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

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Messier, Morin, McLaughlin, and Bennett

Date Introduced: May 18, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

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 2016, we honor the  
5 following seven young people who have made an indelible impression on their communities:  
6 Emily R. Jacobson, Anthony Martins, Alexander Holloway, Kevin Pontier, Cesar M. Pimental,  
7 Jaiden Matteo Fiore, and Hilliard Robert McBride; now, therefore be it

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

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

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