

**No. R-232. House concurrent resolution congratulating Kaitlin Leroux-Eastman on being named the 2011 Vermont Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year.**

(H.C.R.183)

Offered by: Representatives Clark of Vergennes and Lanpher of Vergennes

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, Kaitlin Leroux-Eastman is a conscientious young woman who successfully overcame early life challenges, and

Whereas, with the family support of an aunt, who became her adoptive mother, she began to focus her life in the right direction, and

Whereas, an important factor in the young life's journey of Kaitlin Leroux-Eastman has been the Boys & Girls Club of Vergennes, which she joined upon moving to Vergennes from Middlebury as an 8th grader, and

Whereas, although she was initially reluctant to associate with other club members, over time she gained an increased degree of comfort and became an enthusiastic participant in club activities, and

Whereas, Kaitlin Leroux-Eastman subsequently became actively involved at the club, including in its drug and alcohol prevention program, to which she has devoted considerable time, and

Whereas, other club responsibilities to which she is committed are walking special-needs children from school to the club and assisting others with homework assignments, and

Whereas, Kaitlin Leroux-Eastman also volunteers at the Bixby Library in Vergennes, and

Whereas, choral music has become a special interest for her, and she sings in the Vergennes Union High School choir, and when her house of worship, St. Peter's Church in Vergennes, needed a choir conductor for Sunday morning mass, she offered to apply her musical knowledge to the task, and

Whereas, with nearly 200 hours of volunteer community service to her credit, an admirable work ethic, and demonstrable achievement, she was selected as the Boys & Girls Club of Vergennes 2011 Youth of the Year, and

Whereas, a few days later in Montpelier, her credentials so impressed the judges that she was honored as the Vermont Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year, a special honor that signifies a personal milestone of the highest order, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Kaitlin Leroux-Eastman on being named the 2011 Vermont Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kaitlin Leroux-Eastman in Vergennes and to the Boy & Girls Club of Vergennes.