

**No. R-240. House concurrent resolution congratulating Matt Martin on his being named Boys & Girls Clubs of Brattleboro Youth of the Year.**

(H.C.R.191)

Offered by: Representatives Trieber of Rockingham, Burke of Brattleboro, Edwards of Brattleboro, Hebert of Vernon, Olsen of Jamaica, Partridge of Windham, Ram of Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro, Weston of Burlington and Young of Albany

Whereas, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Brattleboro are welcoming places where young persons discover a supportive and safe environment, and

Whereas, the programs offered are educational but nonetheless fun, and they enable the participants to develop a new confidence in their own potential, and

Whereas, each year, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Brattleboro honor one of their members who has demonstrated personal growth, maturity, and an ability to assume new responsibilities as the clubs' Youth of the Year, and, for 2010–2011, Matt Martin of Hinsdale, New Hampshire, is the worthy recipient of this special recognition, and

Whereas, a panel of judges made the selection only after listening to an evening of compelling personal stories and then individually interviewing each potential honoree, and

Whereas, in selecting Matt Martin, the panel recognized the triumph of a young man who overcame adversity and who so intensely sought the nurturing alternative environment of the clubs that, for over a year after joining in July 2007, he walked seven to 10 miles to his club's headquarters nearly every day, regardless of the weather, and

Whereas, as a club member, he has participated in the Power Hour, College & Career Exploration, Money Matters, Teen Talk, and Passport to Manhood programs, and

Whereas, in 2009, Matt Martin became a junior staffer and developed leadership skills applicable both in the clubs and in the larger community, and his summer camp job became a part-time Boys & Girls Clubs of Brattleboro position the following fall, and

Whereas, he is an important role model for other members of the clubs, and

Whereas, after high school graduation in June 2011, Matt Martin will enter the United States Navy, and after his military service, he hopes to attend college and become a business entrepreneur, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate Matt Martin on being named the Boys & Girls Clubs of Brattleboro 2010–2011 Youth of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Matt Martin and to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Brattleboro Executive Director Beth Baldwin-Page.