

**No. R-423. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Boys & Girls Clubs of America 2016 Vermont State Youth of the Year honorees.**

(H.C.R.330)

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Cupoli of Rutland City, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Krowinski of Burlington, Lewis of Berlin, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, and Wright of Burlington

Whereas, in 1947, the Boys & Girls Clubs established a Youth of the Year award to recognize outstanding Club members, and

Whereas, individual club winners are eligible for state, regional, and national Youth of the Year recognition, including college scholarships, and

Whereas, in 2016, five Vermont youths were honored as local Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year award recipients, and

Whereas, Jordan Baldwin-Page (Boys & Girls Club of Brattleboro), a Brattleboro Union High School junior, is active in the Club's teen leadership program as its president, and is a junior staff member who participates in the diplomas 2 Degree program, loves photography and singing, and is considering studying journalism in college, and

Whereas, Zeynep Barut (Boys & Girls Club of Burlington), a Burlington High School junior, was born in Turkey, lived in a Serbian refugee camp where she learned perseverance, respect, and the importance of engagement in her community before immigrating to America, and spends many hours at the Club working on her academics in preparation for college and volunteering, including teaching a healthy cooking class to younger children, and

Whereas, Josh Harrington (Boys & Girls Club of Rutland), a Rutland High School senior, loves to hunt, fish, hike, fix cars, and ride his bike, serves on the Club's teen council, and plans to attend the University of Northwestern Ohio, and

Whereas, Kira Johnson (Boys & Girls Club of Vergennes), a senior at Vergennes Union High School, has participated in Club activities since she was five years of age, has been a member of the Torch and Keystone leadership clubs, completed the Money Matters financial literacy program, has served as a junior staff member, and is dedicated to helping her family, and

Whereas, Genesis Van Dyke (Washington County Youth Service Bureau-Boys & Girls Club) is a sophomore in the STAR alternative education program in Northfield, an artist, creative writer, and animal lover, and a member of the Northfield Teen Center, and

Whereas, each of these young people deserves credit for his or her personal accomplishments, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Boys & Girls Clubs of America 2016 Vermont State Youth of the Year honorees, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each youth recognized in this resolution.