

**No. R-285. House concurrent resolution honoring the 2026 nominees for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Vermont Youth of the Year award.**

(H.C.R.233)

Offered by Representatives Cole of Hartford, Austin of Colchester, Bishop of Colchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burke of Brattleboro, Coffin of Cavendish, Dolan of Essex Junction, Duke of Burlington, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Headrick of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Keyser of Rutland City, Lalley of Shelburne, LaMont of Morristown, Lipsky of Stowe, Long of Newfane, Luneau of St. Albans City, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Ode of Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Pezzo of Colchester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Rachelson of Burlington, Squirrell of Underhill, Stone of Burlington, Sweeney of Shelburne, Taylor of Milton, Torre of Moretown, Wells of Brownington, and White of Waitsfield

*Whereas*, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) provides youth with the skills to become responsible and successful adults and community leaders, and

*Whereas*, since 1947, BGCA has conducted a national competition to honor one exceptional club member as the National Youth of the Year (NYOY), BGCA's highest honor, "who serves as both an exemplary ambassador for Boys & Girls Club youth, and as a strong voice for all of our nation's youth," and

*Whereas*, the journey on the path to selection as the NYOY includes local, state, regional, and national rounds, in which many outstanding youths, who embody "the values of leadership and service, academic excellence and healthy lifestyles," are local nominees, and

*Whereas*, potential NYOYs who have participated in the organization's year-round leadership program are role models for other club members and serve as representatives to the community at large, and

*Whereas*, the Vermont Youth of the Year, our State's nominee for the regional NYOY competition, is being named today, April 2, 2026, in Montpelier, and the three contenders for this state-level award are Abdille, Luke, and Tyler, representing, respectively, BGCA's Burlington, Brattleboro, and Rutland local clubs, and

*Whereas*, each of these three outstanding youths are present today to be legislatively honored, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors the 2026 nominees for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Vermont Youth of the Year award, *and be it further*

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