

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 213 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY HICKERNELL, BIZZARRO, BOBACK, V. BROWN, BULLOCK, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, CUTLER, DIGIROLAMO, DRISCOLL, DUSH, FEE, FREEMAN, GODSHALL, GREINER, GROVE, A. HARRIS, HILL-EVANS, LONGIETTI, MALONEY, MENTZER, MILLARD, B. MILLER, MURT, NEILSON, O'NEILL, QUIGLEY, READSHAW, RYAN, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, SOLOMON, SONNEY, STAATS, TOOHL, WARD, WHEATLEY AND ROEBUCK, APRIL 4, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 4, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 5, 2017, as "Boys and Girls Clubs Youth of the
2 Year Day" in Pennsylvania in recognition of the role Boys and
3 Girls Clubs of America has played in the nation and in this
4 Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, Since 1906, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America have
6 touched the lives of millions of children and teens through
7 membership and community outreach; and

8 WHEREAS, The Boys and Girls Clubs of America have more than
9 4,000 club locations in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the
10 Virgin Islands, plus domestic and international military bases;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to 17 independent Boys and
13 Girls Clubs of America organizations operating in 75
14 neighborhoods; and

15 WHEREAS, The Boys and Girls Clubs of America serve more than
16 56,000 children across this Commonwealth from 6 to 18 years of

1 age; and

2 WHEREAS, The Boys and Girls Clubs of America have helped, and
3 continue to help, hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvania's youths
4 avoid drugs and gangs, earn better grades, stay fit, prepare for
5 careers, learn confidence and responsibility and develop
6 leadership, communication and teamwork skills; and

7 WHEREAS, Started in 1947, "Youth of the Year Day" honors
8 members representing each of the 17 clubs across this
9 Commonwealth for their outstanding service to their clubs and
10 their communities; and

11 WHEREAS, On "Youth of the Year Day," one club member is
12 chosen by a diverse panel of community leaders among this elite
13 group of children and young adults to be named "Youth of the
14 Year"; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2017, we honor the following 14 youths who have
16 made an indelible impression on their local clubs and
17 communities:

18 Christian J. Nonirit, Boys and Girls Club of Allentown

19 Genesis Velazques, Boys and Girls Club of Bethlehem

20 Marcus Watts, Boys and Girls Club of Chester

21 Lavonte Douse, Boys and Girls Club of Easton

22 Zaria Carter, Boys and Girls Club of Harrisburg

23 Nathaniel S. Housseal, Boys and Girls Club of Lancaster

24 Mone'e Williams Patrick, Boys and Girls Club of Philadelphia

25 Ionie Virginia Banner, Boys and Girls Club of Western

26 Pennsylvania

27 Logan Stafford, Boys and Girls Club - Caring People Alliance
28 in Philadelphia

29 Gregory M. Gilrain, North Penn Valley Boys and Girls Club

30 Julian Smith, Olivet Boys and Girls Club of Reading and Berks

1 County

2 Brianna Gerner, Sarah Heinz House of Pittsburgh

3 Demetrius Clemmons, USAG Carlisle Barracks CYS Services;

4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April

6 5, 2017, as "Boys and Girls Clubs Youth of the Year Day" in

7 Pennsylvania in recognition of the role Boys and Girls Clubs of

8 America has played in the nation and in this Commonwealth.