

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6059

A RESOLUTION congratulating Kiana Knolland, the 2013-2014 National Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

WHEREAS, The Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) named Kiana Knolland of the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Central Kansas the 2013-2014 National Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Kiana serves as the official BGCA teen spokesperson, advocating for nearly four million Boys & Girls Club youth and all of America's young people; and

WHEREAS, The honor recognizes youth who have overcome odds and demonstrated exceptional character and accomplishments and includes more than \$60,000 in college scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1947, the Youth of the Year program recognizes outstanding young people for service to their Club and community, academic performance and contributions to their family. To win the national title, Kiana advanced through local, state and regional competitions; and

WHEREAS, Kiana overcame significant obstacles in her life and represents millions of young people whose lives begin to transform the day they enter a Boys & Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, Since joining the Club at age five, Kiana has been an active participant and leader by serving as a role model and by giving back to her community. Kiana also belongs to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, chairs the Government & Legislative Affairs Committee of the Mayor's Youth Council and volunteers at the Kansas African American Museum. Keenly focused on her future, Kiana is a freshman at Howard University pursuing a career in the legal field; and

WHEREAS, For more than 100 years, BGCA has enabled young people most in need to achieve great futures as productive, caring and responsible citizens, which Kiana embodies as the National Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Club programs promote academic success, good character, citizenship and healthy lifestyles, all of which Kiana exemplifies in order to receive this honor: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate Kiana Knolland for being named the 2013-2014 National Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. She is a role model for all Kansas youth and we thank her for giving back to her community.

House Resolution No. 6059 was sponsored by Representative Connie O'Brien.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.