

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1718

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Boys & Girls Clubs across Kansas for the outstanding services they provide for young people and their families.

WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Clubs across Kansas make valuable contributions to the young people of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Clubs provide programs and services to inspire all young people, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens; and

WHEREAS, Through strong, proven development programs, leaders in the Boys & Girls Clubs stress character and leadership development, education and career advancement, and health and life skills; and

WHEREAS, The programs promote better self-image, improve education, and increase social, emotional and cultural awareness, while encouraging community involvement, strong moral values and life management skills; and

WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Clubs promote an appreciation for the arts and provide programs in sports, fitness and recreation; and

WHEREAS, The 2017 Youth of the Year contestants are as follows: Ivy Auletti, Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan; Zion Bowlin, Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence; Christopher Burrell, Boys & Girls Club of South Central Kansas; Mikayla Keeling, Boys & Girls Club of Topeka; Hannah Lamson, McConnell Air Force Base Youth Program; Evelyn Leyva, Boys & Girls Club of Hutchinson; Celeste Nicole Marchbanks, Fort Leavenworth Youth Services; and Juleonna Breann Stevenson, Boys & Girls Club of Coffeyville; and

WHEREAS, On March 6, 2017, Youth of the Year nominees from Kansas were chosen as the State and the Military Youth of the Year to represent the State of Kansas in the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Regional Youth of the Year contest; and

WHEREAS, The Boys & Girls Clubs across Kansas have named March 7, 2017, as their annual "Day at the Capitol"; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Boys & Girls Clubs have encouraged young people to aspire to the highest level of personal development, and to become good citizens who are involved in their communities: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize the Boys & Girls Clubs across Kansas for the outstanding services they provide for young people and their families; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Schmidt.

Senate Resolution No. 1718 was sponsored by Senator Vicki Schmidt.

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

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*