## **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

RECOGNIZING THE HONOREES AND DISTINGUISHED FINALISTS OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS - STATE OF HAWAII'S 2014 YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARDS.

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State House of Representatives is proud to recognize those exceptional individuals who have made significant achievements in their lives and who have had a positive impact on those around them; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America is an organization that operates drop-in service facilities that provide a safe, supportive, non-judgmental, nurturing, and supervised environment where youth ages 9 to 17 years old can be themselves, interact with positive role models, and learn the values and skills that promote a successful future; and

WHEREAS, the annual Boys & Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year program offers exceptional teens the opportunity to be recognized for choices and positive behavior that warrant celebration; this premier character and leadership program celebrates club members' service to the Club, community and family, academic performance, ethical values, life goals, poise, and public speaking ability, and fosters personal growth and leadership qualities; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the State of Hawaii have chosen 17 members from across the state as Youth of the Year honorees, including AARON NAEA of Maui's Lahaina Clubhouse, ALEXIS BRODIE of the United States Army Garrison — Hawaii Schofield Barracks Bennett Youth Center, ANGELA GABRIEL of the Hale Pono Ewa Beach Clubhouse, BENJAMIN CORTEZ, JR., of the Big Island's Hilo Clubhouse, GRACE PERALTA of Kauai's Lihue Clubhouse, JAIME GOMES of Maui's Makawao Clubhouse, JA-ZJAH YAHIKU YOUNG of the Waianae Clubhouse, JENASEY NAMBA of the Big Island's Hilo Clubhouse, JOY GABRIEL of the Hale Pono Ewa Beach

Clubhouse, KAMALANI KAUAI of the Waianae Clubhouse, KATHERINE LUNDGREN-AIWOHI of the Nanakuli Clubhouse, LUKE RITA of Kauai's 3 Kapa'a Clubhouse, MASON AQUINO of Maui's Central Club, PRESTON COLÓN of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor - Hickam Teen Center, THEMLYN AISEK of the Spalding Clubhouse, TIA BRIGHT of Maui's Haiku Clubhouse, and TYLER NAHINU of the Big Island's Hilo 6 Clubhouse: and

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WHEREAS, the honorees have been narrowed down to five finalists: BENJAMIN CORTEZ, JR., JOY GABRIEL, and MASON AQUINO for the Boys and Girls Clubs - State of Hawaii's Youth of the Year; and ALEXIS BRODIE and PRESTON COLON for the Boys and Girls .Clubs - State of Hawaii's Military Youth of the Year; and

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WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs - State of Hawaii's Youth 16 of the Year finalist will go on to compete in the Pacific Region competition, and to the national Youth of the Year competition, and the Boys and Girls Clubs - State of Hawaii's Military Youth of the Year finalist will join fellow finalists in the national Military Youth of the Year competition; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, that this body hereby commends and congratulates the honorees and distinguished finalists of the Boys & Girls Clubs - State of Hawaii's Youth of the Year Awards, and wishes the finalists the best of luck as they move further through the competition.

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