HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE HONOREES AND DISTINGUISHED FINALISTS OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS - STATE OF HAWAII'S 2018 YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARDS.

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii 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 from ages nine to seventeen 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 families, academic performance, ethical values, life goals, poise, and public speaking ability, and fosters personal growth and leadership qualities; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs - State of Hawaii have chosen members from across the state as Youth of the Year honorees, including ALEXIS FREEMAN, ALYANA CASTILLO, CAYLIE PETERSON, CORNELIUS PHILLIPS JR, HANNAH BETHARD, JAENAHLEYN-KAIOLA KANAHA, JESSICA-AHN HERMAN, KAYLA KENNEDY, KIMBERLY MATUTINA, KOBY KOBAYASHI, LARENZO TAGURA-BEAR, LOGAN-ANN GUECO, LOLEINA KAMAKA, MIA DAHL, MICHAEL JOHN ANDERSON, NALEIEHA MAKAMAE, OIWI GROMLEY, and SHALAIN MAXIN; and

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WHEREAS, the honorees have been narrowed down to five finalists: CAYLIE PETERSON, MIA DAHL, and SHALAIN MAXIN for the Boys & Girls Clubs - State of Hawaii's Youth of the Year; and CORNELIUS PHILLIPS JR and HANNAH BETHARD for the Boys & Girls Clubs - State of Hawaii's Military Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs - State of Hawaii's Youth 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 & 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,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, 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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