

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 438

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the leadership, staff, and members of the Boys and Girls Club of Maury County on the occasion of that club location's tenth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to specially recognize those community institutions and organizations that strive to improve the lives of children and families in their local communities; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy organization is the Boys and Girls Club of Maury County; first chartered by the Boys and Girls Club of America in 1999, the Maury County club location celebrated its tenth anniversary on April 28, 2009, with its annual "Steak and Burger" Celebration, held at the Memorial Building in downtown Columbia; and

WHEREAS, A'ngela Martin, a senior at Central High School and the Maury County club's 2009 Youth of the Year, was honored that night; throughout her three-year involvement with the Boys and Girls Club, Ms. Martin has served as an exceptional role model for younger club members; and

WHEREAS, in addition to recognizing Ms. Martin, club members sang a musical number, staged a dance skit, and read poetry; food and drink sponsors Burger King, National HealthCare Corporation-Hillview, Publix, Rick's Barbeque, the Redman-Davis Insurance Agency, and Raymond James ensured that attendees were well fed; and

WHEREAS, the annual event allows an opportunity for the leadership, staff, and membership of the Maury County Boys and Girls Club to extend their gratitude to all the loyal donors who make the club and its activities possible; and

WHEREAS, local club leadership team members Kristin Parker, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, John Stephens, Executive Director, and Chris Poynter, Assistant Executive

Director, were on hand to express their sincerest appreciation to all the club's patrons; they were joined by Chet Nichols, Boys and Girls Club of America Regional Service Director; and

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boys and Girls Club of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with a wide variety of programs designed to develop character, improve academic performance, achieve better mental and physical fitness, and build lasting and positive relationships with peers as well as caring adults; and

WHEREAS, this State is well served by its many Boys and Girls Clubs, and the Maury County location is an excellent example of the very best these clubs have to offer; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the leadership, staff, and members of the Boys and Girls Club of Maury County on the occasion of that club location's tenth anniversary and wish every one of them the very best in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.