

HOUSE RESOLUTION 63

By DeBerry J

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Memphis and their 2013 Youth of the Year, Tavina Malone.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Tavina Malone, who was recently named the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Memphis Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Youth of the Year is the highest honor a young man or woman can earn in the Boys and Girls Club; the National Youth of the Year Program is designed to promote and recognize service to club and community, academic performance, and contributions to family and spiritual life; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis change the lives of the city's youth by providing leadership programs that empower young people to support and influence their club and community, sustain meaningful relationships, and develop a positive self-image; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis cannot be ignored; in 2012, the clubs graduated one hundred percent of their seniors, compared to a seventy-two percent graduation rate at Memphis City Schools; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 senior class of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis introduced the President during his commencement speech at Booker T. Washington High School; and

WHEREAS, for the past two years, one hundred percent of their Technical Training Center graduates have been placed in jobs or are pursuing higher education; and

WHEREAS, Tavina Malone, a seventeen-year-old student at Kirby High School, plays an integral role at the Bernal E. Smith Boys and Girls Club, where she has been a member for seven years; and

WHEREAS, she served two consecutive terms as President of the club's youth leadership/community projects engagement team called the Keystone Club; and

WHEREAS, she is a volunteer tutor and mentor for members ages six through thirteen; and serves as a Club Ambassador, recruiting new members and providing tours of the club for potential board members, club members, volunteers, and parents; and

WHEREAS, outside of the Boys and Girls Club, Ms. Malone is a stellar student; she is a member of the National Honor Society and holds a 3.65 GPA; and

WHEREAS, Tavina is a member of the Kirby High School girls' volleyball team, civic engagement club, prom committee, and is the manager of the track and field team; and

WHEREAS, her goal is to earn a scholarship to the University of Tennessee and pursue multiple degrees in the medical field; and

WHEREAS, Tavina is an exceptional young woman; her dedication to her own education and to her community surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Tavina Malone, and the organizations who support them; using their considerable talents and resources to serve others and who should be specially recognized for their public and community service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis and their 2013 Youth of the Year, Tavina Malone, extending to them our best wishes for every future success.

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