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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Reyniesha Sharp
4 on being named the Youth of the Year for the State of Illinois
5 by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA); and

6 WHEREAS, Miss Sharp is an nine-year member of the Boys &
7 Girls Club of Alton; in addition to winning this prestigious
8 title, she will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Reader's
9 Digest Foundation; and

10 WHEREAS, The Youth of the Year program, which has been
11 nationally sponsored by the Reader's Digest Foundation for 59
12 years, recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's
13 family, school, community, and Boys & Girls Club, as well as
14 personal challenges and obstacles overcome; and

15 WHEREAS, By being an active member in her Club, Miss Sharp
16 was chosen to represent the Club in leadership and
17 entrepreneurial conferences, in which she lectured on topics
18 concerning youth; she is a member of the Keystone Club, a teen
19 group that practices leadership through learning and community
20 service, and she participates in all core programs at the Club;
21 she also volunteers with the Club's homework assistance
22 program, which led to her being hired as program assistant in

1 the social and recreational area; her involvement with the Club
2 has deemed her a leader and role model to other youth; and

3 WHEREAS, She attends Alton High School and participates in
4 many extracurricular activities, including the Lewis and Clark
5 Community College Upward Bound program, track, basketball, and
6 tennis; she has volunteered at nursing homes, participated in
7 community clean-ups in elderly communities, school zones, and
8 impoverished neighborhoods, and tutored fourth grade
9 elementary students; she has a true concern for others and a
10 strong willingness to better her community; and

11 WHEREAS, Miss Sharp will compete against other youth from
12 states located in BGCA's Midwest Region; regional winners will
13 then advance to the national competition in Washington, D.C.;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 congratulate Reyniesha Sharp on being named the Youth of the
18 Year for the State of Illinois by Boys & Girls Clubs of
19 America; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Miss Sharp as an expression of our esteem.