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Commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for its role in improving outcomes for millions of young people and thousands of communities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. PRYOR) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for its role in improving outcomes for millions of young people and thousands of communities.

Whereas, in 1956, the Boys' Clubs of America celebrated its 50th anniversary and became a federally chartered incorporation;

Whereas, in 1991, the Federal charter of the Boys' Clubs of America was amended to reflect the change of the name of the organization to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America;

Whereas the Boys & Girls Clubs of America has significantly improved the quality of life for many young people and has helped to transform them into leaders and responsible citizens of the United States;

Whereas the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, through its efforts in communities throughout the United States, has a significant impact on the ability of young people to meet various challenges, including by helping them graduate from high school, gain proficiency in science, technology, engineering, and math, and develop skills for the 21st century;

Whereas evaluations of specific programs conducted by, and of the overall experience of participating in, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America demonstrate several positive outcomes linked to participation in the organization, including reduction in delinquent behaviors, increased academic achievement, increased access to and safe use of technology, broadened career goals, and improved attitudes toward school;

Whereas the Boys & Girls Clubs of America effectively leverages limited Federal investment to support clubs in underfunded communities, while raising the majority of its funding privately;

Whereas the Boys & Girls Clubs of America serves diverse groups of young people in urban, suburban, and rural communities, as well as on military bases and Native American reservations;

Whereas the Boys & Girls Clubs of America provides stability, education, youth development, and prevention programs for children of military personnel, who frequently relocate due to station changes and deployments;

Whereas, as of February 2013, there are 3,985 chartered clubs serving approximately 4,100,000 young people; and

Whereas, on April 28, 2012, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America signed an agreement with For Inspiration and Rec-

ognition of Science and Technology (commonly known as “FIRST”) to bring competitive robotics programs to approximately 4,000,000 young people in the United States by 2015: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) commends the Boys & Girls Clubs of Amer-
 4 ica for its work serving the young people of the
 5 United States and strengthening thousands of com-
 6 munities;

7 (2) recognizes the importance of high-impact
 8 mentoring of young people in ensuring positive out-
 9 comes for young people of all backgrounds;

10 (3) supports mentoring of young people as a
 11 strategy to prepare young people for education, ca-
 12 reers, and citizenship;

13 (4) encourages the Boys & Girls Clubs of Amer-
 14 ica to continue and expand programs that expose
 15 young people to science, technology, engineering, and
 16 math; and

17 (5) commits to strengthening the partnership
 18 between the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and var-
 19 ious Federal agencies and departments in order to
 20 serve an even greater number of young people.

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