

**No. R-449. House concurrent resolution congratulating Kelsey Howard as the Boys & Girls Club 2010 Vermont State Youth of the Year.**

(H.C.R.333)

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes and Clark of Vergennes

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, for over half a century, the Boys & Girls Clubs in each state have honored one club member as that state's youth of the year in recognition of that club member's "contributions to a member's family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club," and the state winner becomes eligible for regional and possible national recognition, and

Whereas, each one of the six Boys & Girls Clubs in Vermont selected an outstanding club member as its nominee for the state award, and the state panel in 2010 included Vermont Attorney General William Sorrell, Community College of Vermont President Joyce Judy, Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. CEO John Donleavy, Comcast Area Vice President (Vermont) Pam Mackenzie, and Green Mountain Power Corporation Director of Customer Service and External Affairs Robert Dostis, and

Whereas, after a careful review, the panel selected Kelsey Howard of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes as the 2010 Vermont Youth of the Year, and

Whereas, for five years, 16-year-old Kelsey Howard has belonged to the club where she is a peer leader and a dedicated member of its Keystone Club for teen leaders, and

Whereas, Kelsey Howard is a junior at Vergennes Union High School where she maintains good grades and is a member of the school's much praised cheerleading team, and

Whereas, she volunteers as a tutor at both the local elementary school and youth center, works five days a week as a baby sitter, and still finds time to be an active member of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes, and

Whereas, Kelsey Howard's maturity and strong character are manifested at home where she mentors her younger sister, regularly corresponds with her older brother serving in the United States military, and cares for her mother who has chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and

Whereas, she plans to continue her post-high school education, studying early childhood development at one of the Vermont State Colleges, and

Whereas, Kelsey Howard is known for her generosity, has developed excellent time management skills, and exemplifies the type of youth that this special award is intended to showcase and encourage, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Kelsey Howard of Vergennes as the Boys & Girls Club 2010 Vermont State Youth of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kelsey Howard and to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes.