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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Garret Parker Jr.
4 of Alton, on being named the 2012 Illinois Alliance of Boys and
5 Girls Clubs' Youth of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, He successfully competed against 20 other
7 Illinois clubs' local youths of the year April 28, 2012 in
8 Peoria, winning over judges with his compelling life story
9 about overcoming disadvantages and difficulties; and

10 WHEREAS, Winning Illinois Youth of the Year rewarded him
11 with a \$1,000 scholarship, and qualifies him to go to the
12 Midwest regional competition July 17 and 18, 2012 in Chicago;
13 that winner will get a \$10,000 scholarship; later, the 5
14 regional winners will compete for national Youth of the Year,
15 who will receive a \$15,000 scholarship and be installed by
16 President Barack Obama; and

17 WHEREAS, Garret Parker Jr. has been a member of the Boys
18 and Girls Club of Alton for 6 years, and has volunteered there
19 more than 100 hours, mentoring, tutoring, and helping children
20 with their homework during "Power Hour" and other activities;
21 he also is in the club's Smart Moves program, which focuses on
22 teaching substance abuse resistance skills; and

1 WHEREAS, Garret Parker Jr. is in the Alton High School
2 Talent Search, Biology Club, and its related, P.C. Wet, through
3 which advanced students study water quality; as a freshman, he
4 was on the bowling team; he has volunteered in the city's
5 cleanup program and recruited peers for the effort, he rang
6 bells for the Salvation Army, and he participated in a
7 Mississippi River cleanup; he has maintained a 3.1 grade-point
8 average on a 4.0 scale; after graduation, he plans to attend
9 the University of Central Florida in Orlando and major in
10 zoology; he is particularly interested in herpetology;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate Garret Parker Jr. on being named the 2012
15 Illinois Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs' Youth of the Year
16 and wish him the best in his future endeavors; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Garret Parker Jr. as a symbol of our respect and
20 esteem.