

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1817

A RESOLUTION congratulating Innocent Anavberokhai, the 2014 Kansas Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

WHEREAS, The Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) named Innocent Anavberokhai 2014 Kansas Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Innocent will compete against other state Youth of the Year winners in the southwest regional competition to become a spokesperson for BGCA; and

WHEREAS, The honor recognizes youth who have overcome odds and demonstrated exceptional character and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1947, the Youth of the Year program recognizes outstanding young people for service to their Club and community, academic performance and contributions to their family; and

WHEREAS, Innocent overcame significant obstacles in life and represents many Kansas young people whose lives begin to transform the day they enter a Boys & Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, Innocent is a senior at Free State High School in Lawrence, where he plays varsity basketball, is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a board member of his school's mentoring club. Innocent serves as a group leader at one of the Club's elementary school sites; has mentored 4th and 5th grade students at the Club; and choreographed a dance routine for his kindergarten group to perform for their talent show. Innocent also volunteers at a daycare and at United Way; and

WHEREAS, For more than 100 years, BGCA has enabled young people most in need to achieve great futures as productive, caring and responsible citizens, which Innocent embodies as the Kansas Youth of the Year winner; and

WHEREAS, Club programs promote academic success, good character, citizenship and healthy lifestyles, all of which Innocent exemplifies in order to achieve this honor: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate Innocent Anavberokhai for being named the 2014 Kansas Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. He is a role model for all Kansas youth and we thank him for giving back to his community; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Francisco.

Senate Resolution No. 1817 was sponsored by Senators Marci Francisco and Tom Holland.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.