

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 917

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Donovan Stokes upon being selected as the Boys and Girls Club of Morristown Youth of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community and state leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such deserving person is Donovan Stokes, who was recently named the Boys and Girls Club of Morristown Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a student at Morristown-Hamblen High School, Donovan has been a member of the Boys and Girls Club of Morristown for ten years; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs exist to serve youth and to be safe places of encouragement, character building, security, and love for children; and

WHEREAS, since 1947, the Youth of the Year has been the Boys and Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program, celebrating the extraordinary achievements of Club members; and

WHEREAS, Youth of the Year participants embody the values of leadership, service, academic excellence, and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Youth of the Year participants like Donovan Stokes exemplify the critical impact of Boys and Girls Clubs on the lives of young people; and

WHEREAS, through the Youth of the Year program, Donovan and other Youth of the Year participants are able to showcase their talents and achievements, share their hopes and dreams, and work toward a bright and positive future; and

WHEREAS, Donovan Stokes is a shining example that GREAT FUTURES START
HERE—at the Boys and Girls Clubs; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall
vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like
Donovan Stokes, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others and who
should be specially recognized for their public and community service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Donovan Stokes upon being named the Boys and
Girls Club of Morristown Youth of the Year and extend to him our best wishes for every future
success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.