## 2017 SESSION

## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 406**

Commending the Virginia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 16, 2017 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2017

WHEREAS, the Virginia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs has made many contributions to the young people of the Commonwealth by supporting its more than 111 local Boys & Girls Clubs; and

WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Clubs provide valuable services to more than 75,000 school-aged children in 50 cities in Virginia; their goal is to enable all young people, especially those who need them most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs strives to enhance the work of Boys & Girls Clubs, to promote positive youth development across the Commonwealth, and to partner with other youth-serving agencies to form innovative joint programs; and

WHEREAS, utilizing proven youth development methods, leaders in Boys & Girls Clubs stress the importance of strong character and leadership, education and career advancement, and health and life skills; they encourage an appreciation for the arts and provide programs in sports, fitness, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Club programs promote a positive self-image and improved education, social, emotional, and cultural awareness while encouraging community involvement, strong moral values, and enhanced life management skills; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Boys & Girls Clubs in Virginia have encouraged young people to aspire to the highest levels of personal development and to become good citizens who are deeply involved in their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Virginia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs for the outstanding services it provides to children and their families; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the important work of all Boys & Girls Clubs in the Commonwealth.