

## House Resolution 1521

By: Representatives Tankersley of the 160<sup>th</sup>, Parrish of the 158<sup>th</sup>, and Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and congratulating William Durden Gagel; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, William Durden Gagel has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the most  
3 distinguished rank conferred by the Boy Scouts of America; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he is a member of the Order of the Arrow, which is the scouting national honor  
5 society; has been a member of the Statesboro High School wrestling team for three years and  
6 is a starter for the team; plays football for Statesboro High School; and attends Statesboro  
7 Primitive Baptist Church; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a candidate for the most exceptional award in scouting must complete a  
9 rigorous program of training and demonstrate his proficiency in selected scouting techniques  
10 and the attainment of the highest ideals of scouting; and
- 11 WHEREAS, only one scout out of 97 ever reaches this lofty level of achievement, and  
12 Durden has ably evidenced his aptitude and competency in mastering the various special  
13 skills taught through the Boy Scouts of America program; and
- 14 WHEREAS, this hard-working young man has demonstrated great leadership skills and  
15 initiative and has truly exhibited a commitment to the scouting principles of honesty and  
16 fairness during his years with the Boy Scouts of America program; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a member of Troop 342, Durden was responsible for the planning and  
18 organization of the restoration of the cemetery erected by Mrs. W.S. Lee in 1923; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he did much of the preparatory work required before the cemetery was able to  
20 be restored, including the removal of large plants and weeds; assessing necessary tools and  
21 machinery; locating and gathering necessary tools, machines, and food for the participants;

22 and researching information on what could and could not be done to the graves in order to  
23 clean them; and

24 WHEREAS, twenty-five total hours of preparation, paperwork, procedures, and follow ups  
25 were put into making this project possible; and

26 WHEREAS, the perseverance and determination displayed by this exceptional young leader  
27 set an example for all Georgians, and great success is surely in this young man's future.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend William Durden Gagel for his diligence and dedication  
30 in pursuing the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulate him  
31 on attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
34 William Durden Gagel.