

Senate Resolution 1096

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Tillery of the 19th, Stone of the 23rd, Miller of the 49th, Watson of the 1st and others

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 Bulloch Academy State 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 killing large plants and weeds with chemicals; assessing necessary
21 tools and machinery; locating and gathering necessary tools, machines, and food for the

22 participants; and researching information on what could and could not be done to the graves
23 in order to 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 SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend William Durden Gagel for his diligence and dedication in pursuing the highest
30 honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulate him on attaining the
31 prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

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