

Senate Resolution 740

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Michael Henry Murphy; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Michael Henry Murphy has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the most  
3 distinguished rank conferred by the Boy Scouts of America; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a candidate for the most exceptional award in scouting must complete a  
5 rigorous program of training and demonstrate his proficiency in selected scouting techniques  
6 and attainment of the highest ideals of scouting; and
- 7 WHEREAS, only one scout out of 97 ever reaches this lofty level of achievement, and  
8 Michael has ably evidenced his aptitude and competency in mastering the various special  
9 skills taught through the Boy Scout program; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Michael has been involved in Scouting since August, 2000, when his older  
11 brother, Timothy, started in Cub Scout Pack 100 as a Tiger; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in August, 2002, Michael was old enough to join on his own, starting as a Tiger;  
13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, in April, 2007, upon earning his Arrow of Light, he crossed over to Boy Scout  
15 Troop 98, which is chartered by Edgewood Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Georgia; and
- 16 WHEREAS, while a member of Troop 98, he served as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant  
17 Senior Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Scribe, and Patrol Leader; graduated from the National  
18 Youth Leadership Course; and was elected as the permanent Patrol Leader of the Fox Patrol;  
19 and
- 20 WHEREAS, Michael attended two National Scout Jamborees with Chattahoochee Council  
21 in 2010 and 2013, and he served as the Patrol Leader for the Buffalo Patrol in 2013; and

22 WHEREAS, this hard-working young man has demonstrated great leadership skills and  
23 initiative during his years with the Boy Scouts of America program; and

24 WHEREAS, for his Eagle Service Project, Michael wanted to do something to support his  
25 school, the Early College Academy of Columbus, so he elected to construct an outside area  
26 that was dedicated as a memorial garden to Mrs. Linda Bolen, a former teacher at the school  
27 as well as the wife of his Scoutmaster; and

28 WHEREAS, this area became an area in which all students could eat their lunches and  
29 teachers could hold classes, and this project included 15 volunteers that clocked more than  
30 300 volunteer hours; and

31 WHEREAS, an outstanding Georgian, Michael has truly exhibited a commitment to the  
32 scouting principles of honesty and fairness and has consistently conducted himself in a  
33 manner becoming an Eagle Scout; and

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

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
37 commend Michael Henry Murphy for his diligence and dedication in pursuing the highest  
38 honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulate him on attaining the  
39 prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
41 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Michael Henry  
42 Murphy.