

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

A RESOLUTION

To commend Erick Lawrence on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend and celebrate the accomplishments of Erick Lawrence of Boy Scouts of America Troop 29 on the memorable and historic occasion of his attainment of the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Erick Lawrence was honored at a reception in August 2019; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Boy Scouts of America, founded on February 8, 1910, and chartered by the United States Congress in 1916, is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill all requirements of leadership, service, and outdoor skills and must earn twenty-one merit badges which signify the mastery of Scouting skills, including Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, and Citizenship in the World; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle project, Erick created a food pantry he calls the "Blessing Box"; through the box, food was made available to anyone who needs it; and

WHEREAS, Erick faithfully embodies the twelve points of the Scout Law; he is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent; and

WHEREAS, presented with his Eagle Scout badge, Erick Lawrence joins the ranks of such esteemed and respected Eagle Scouts as the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, the thirty-eighth president of the United States; Captain James Lovell, the commander of the Apollo 13 space flight; Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon; acclaimed filmmaker Steven Spielberg; and Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft; and

WHEREAS, the legacy for the Boy Scouts is indeed a rich one, for it not only includes a history of service and proud citizenship which spans more than a century, but it also includes the history of service and singular accomplishments of Erick Lawrence, a young man to be recognized and commended by future Eagle Scouts and his community for the deep human values and genuine spirit of good fellowship that he inspires.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and honor Erick Lawrence on the historic occasion of his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout; does hereby express utmost gratitude and respect for the exemplary strides he has taken as a Scout and a citizen; does hereby congratulate Erick and the members and leaders of Troop 29 as they commemorate the significant event of Mr. Lawrence's pledge of eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout; and does hereby extend best wishes to Erick Lawrence for full measures of happiness and success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Erick Lawrence.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES