

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 174

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Joshua Cayer upon achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend and celebrate the accomplishments of Joshua Cayer of Boy Scouts of America Troop 322 on the memorable and historic occasion of his attainment to the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Boy Scouts of America, founded on February 8, 1910, and chartered by the United States Congress in 1916, is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness; 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; an Eagle Scout 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, in addition to the merit badges Joshua Cayer has earned in his twelve years of Scouting, Joshua graduated from Catholic High School where he participated on the bowling team, acted as the school mascot, and served as the historian of the Latin Club; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Cayer plans to attend Louisiana Tech University in the Fall of 2015 and major in aviation management and history; he also plans to join the Air Force R.O.T.C. detachment to train for entry into the Air Force as a pilot; and

WHEREAS, only a small percentage of Boy Scouts attain the Eagle Scout rank; it takes a uniquely motivated man to achieve the five important responsibilities of an Eagle Scout, which are honor, loyalty, courage, cheer, and service to God and country, and Joshua Cayer embodies these ideals; and

WHEREAS, presented with his Eagle Scout badge, Joshua Cayer 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; Mike Rowe, host of the television show *Dirty Jobs*; and Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft; and

WHEREAS, the legacy for the Boy Scouts of America is indeed a rich one, for it not only includes a history of service and proud citizenship which spans nearly a century, but it also includes the history of service and singular accomplishments of Joshua Cayer, 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, and his fine examples of the hard work and integrity requisite to the rank of Eagle Scout.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and honor Joshua Cayer on the historic occasion of his attainment to 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 Joshua Cayer and the members and leaders of Troop 322 as they commemorate the significant event of Mr. Cayer's pledge of eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout; and does hereby extend best wishes to Joshua Cayer for full measures of happiness and success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Joshua Cayer.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES