

First Extraordinary Session, 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY REPRESENTATIVE TIM BURNS

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Ryan Magrath on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 111 in Mandeville, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Ryan Magrath, son of Heidi and Robert Magrath, Jr., has attained the rank of Eagle Scout at the young age of fourteen years; and

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

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, incorporated 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 in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills, and the Eagle Scout must earn twenty-one Merit Badges which signify the mastery of Scoutcraft skills, including Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, and Citizenship in the World; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Merit Badges Ryan has earned, he has planned, organized, and directed an Eagle Service Project of landscaping at St. Timothy United Methodist Church, which is deemed to be of significant value to his community and which will remain an endeavor of which he should forever be proud; and

WHEREAS, only a small percentage of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout rank, illustrating that it takes a uniquely motivated young man like Ryan Magrath to strive to embody the five integral responsibilities of an Eagle Scout, which are honor, loyalty, courage, cheer, and service; and

WHEREAS, presented with his Eagle Scout badge, Ryan Magrath 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, and acclaimed filmmaker Steven Spielberg; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of the Boy Scouts of America is rich indeed, for it not only includes a history of service and proud citizenship which spans nearly a century, it includes the momentous and singular accomplishments of Ryan Magrath, who is recognized and commended for his deep human values, the genuine spirit of good fellowship he inspires, and his service as a fine example of hard work and integrity in the eyes of future Eagle Scouts and his entire community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on the celebrated and historic occasion of his Court of Honor, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and honor Ryan Magrath of Mandeville because he walks an honorable path along the Eagle Scout trail, does hereby express utmost gratitude and respect for the exemplary strides he has taken as a Scout and as a citizen, does hereby congratulate Ryan as he commemorates this most significant and unforgettable event when he pledges his eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout, and does wish Ryan and his entire family full measures of happiness and success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ryan Magrath of Mandeville, Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES