

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 162

BY SENATOR MCPHERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Tommy Davis for his leadership and commitment as a scout leader with the Boy Scouts of America and for his service to his community and state.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana and the citizens of Louisiana recognize the tremendous contributions of Tommy Davis to the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America was founded on February 8, 1910, in Washington, D. C., by a group of visionary Americans led by William D. Boyce and was chartered by the United States Congress on June 15, 1916, to provide boys an educational program to build character, to train in the responsibilities of citizenship, and to develop personal fitness; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Boy Scouts of America 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, including a commitment to do their best to do their duty to God and their country and to keep themselves physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight; and

WHEREAS, scouting programs emphasize character development by offering young people unique and increasing opportunities to exercise leadership and responsibility and by the direct example of cheerful service provided by volunteer adult leaders; and

WHEREAS, as a volunteer adult scout leader who has dedicated his time and effort, Tommy Davis merits a sincere measure of commendation for his commitment to the Boy Scouts of America in central Louisiana and for the immense pride and honor he has brought to the scouts and the state of Louisiana with his remarkable talents and exemplary leadership; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Davis developed a bond and passion for scouting at the age of eleven when he joined as a cub scout and was later selected as a scout to the Order of the Arrow, which only very few scouts are invited to join as those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, he also achieved the rank of Eagle Scout — the highest rank awarded to scouts who have fulfilled the requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills, and earned at least twenty-one merit badges signifying the mastery of scout skills; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Davis has dedicated himself to serving the Boy Scouts of America in leadership roles, including two years as an assistant scout master and twelve years as a scout master with Troop 21, and seven years as assistant scout master and four years as a committee member with Troop 49; and

WHEREAS, scout leaders have the awesome opportunity to open young minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams by inspiring scouts to develop to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Davis is held in the highest regard for his remarkable ability to motivate these young scouts to succeed beyond their own expectations as they develop into responsible young men and take their place in a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Davis has also served in other leadership roles in his community, such as deacon and chairman of deacons at First Baptist Church of Pineville, a member of the administrative advisory council at New Life Community Church, and a board member of CENLA Credit Union; and

WHEREAS, as a licensed clinical social worker, Tommy Davis has been appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to the Region Six Human Services District Board, which operates and manages community-based programs and services relative to public health, mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services for the parishes of Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon, and Winn; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon extraordinary men like Tommy Davis who lead by example; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana wish to express utmost gratitude and respect to Tommy Davis as he continues to provide quality leadership to the scouts through his acute knowledge, impassioned conviction, and amiable demeanor which enlightens these young minds and assists them in attaining success in their future endeavors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commend Tommy Davis on his numerous accomplishments and contributions to the Boy Scouts of America, to his community, and to the state, as well as the generous and admirable way in which he has devoted his time and energy to the full development of young men into informed, capable, and productive citizens of their communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Tommy Davis.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE