

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 549

By Powers

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Eric Matthias upon obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young men and women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Scout can attain in the Boy Scouts of America Scouts BSA program is that of Eagle Scout, and Eric Matthias, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the son of Miriam and William Matthias, Mr. Matthias is a graduating honors senior at Campbell County High School, where he is a member of the marching band, Beta Club, culinary arts, and Yearbook Club; and

WHEREAS, he has also volunteered for Ridgewood Fire Department and Search and Rescue squad, proving he is an excellent, outgoing model citizen for Campbell County; and

WHEREAS, Eric Matthias is an active member of Lafollete United Church, where he assists with audio and visual support and serves meals to homeless people; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 310 includes numerous merit badges and distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Eric's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of volunteerism; he designed and created a new trail at Cove Lake State Park; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should recognize Eric Matthias as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Eric Matthias upon obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout, extending to him our best wishes for a bright and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.