

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 983

By Montgomery

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Andrew Robert Quilliams upon attaining 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 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 Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Andrew Robert Quilliams, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, is joining the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Gatlinburg Pittman High School, Andrew has demonstrated academic excellence while participating in numerous activities, such as serving as band lieutenant and drum captain, Scholars' Bowl co-captain, soccer team captain, and a member of Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Latin Club, and the National Junior Classical League Latin Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Andrew has gained exceptional leadership skills through his participation in programs like the Tennessee American Legion Boys State, Smoky Mountain Youth Leadership, National Youth Leadership Training, and Model United Nations; and

WHEREAS, he has also attended the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, Philmont, the Walter's State Math Competition, and the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mr. Quilliams is a National Merit Semifinalist and recipient of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, Instrumentalist Magazine Musicianship Award, Latin I and II Awards, Honors English II Award, Honors Algebra II Award, and Honors Chemistry I Award; and

WHEREAS, he is also an active and devout member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where he is an altar server; and

WHEREAS, Andrew's hard work and recent honor are a great source of pride to his family; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scouts Troop #111 includes numerous Merit Badges and a history of distinguished service as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, and junior assistant scoutmaster; and

WHEREAS, during his six years with the Boy Scouts, Andrew has received many honors and recognitions, including the World Conservation Award, Arrow of Light Award, and induction into the Order of the Arrow Brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle Scout project, Mr. Quilliams designed, planned, and implemented a landscaping project for Caton's Chapel Elementary School in Sevierville, which helped to create an inviting, safe, and beautiful environment for children, parents, and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Andrew's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Andrew Quilliams as one of the most outstanding young people in our great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Andrew Robert Quilliams for achieving the high and honorable rank of Eagle Scout and wish the Eagle Scout continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.