

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1628

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to recognize James Sumrell 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 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 James Sumrell, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the son of Jennie and Chris Sumrell of Hixson, Mr. Sumrell is a senior at Chattanooga High School Center for Creative Arts and is a member of the Hixson High School fishing team; and

WHEREAS, James Sumrell is the lead percussionist at his school and plays in the school's jazz band; he plans to attend Carson-Newman University on a bass fishing scholarship and major in business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sumrell has devoted his time and talent to volunteering with the forest service, National Parks, and Bassmaster Conservation efforts around Chickamauga Lake; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement during his six years as a member of Boy Scout Troop 166 at Burks United Methodist Church includes numerous merit badges and distinguished service, including service as Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sumrell's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of volunteerism, with sixty-five volunteers providing over 240 hours of work; and

WHEREAS, for his project, he organized the restoration project for five local boating/fishing access areas on Chickamauga Lake; working with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), he removed trash, installed new signage provided by TWRA, and built and then installed fishing line receptacles; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate James Sumrell on becoming an Eagle Scout and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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.