**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE JAMES PHILIP CUTLER II OF HORRY COUNTY FOR ACHIEVING THE ELITE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT AND TO WISH HIM EVERY SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, having proved himself worthy, James Philip Cutler II of Horry County has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, an award granted to only about five percent of all Boy Scouts; and

Whereas, James, a tenth‑grade homeschooled student and the son of James Philip and Caroline Nicholls Cutler of Myrtle Beach, began Scouting as a Tiger Cub in Washington, North Carolina, when he was five years old. After moving to Myrtle Beach, he became a Cub Scout with Pack 807, where he earned the highest award a boy can win in Cub Scouts, the Arrow of Light; and

Whereas, in 2007, James joined Boy Scout Troop 396 in Murrells Inlet, where he has remained to earn his Eagle Scout rank. On the path to Eagle Scout, James has served as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, troop historian, and troop Leave No Trace guide. In addition, he has earned fifty‑five merit badges and completed several leadership and training courses, including Red Cross CPR, Red Cross Wilderness First Aid, and National Youth Leadership Training. He is currently a Leave No Trace trainer; and

Whereas, among his many other Scouting achievements, James has attended Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, where he and his crew hiked eighty‑five miles during a ten‑day trek; participated in a nine‑day sailing expedition in the British Virgin Islands, during which he and his crew commanded a fifty‑one‑foot sailboat; and earned his God and Church Award; and

Whereas, this energetic young man enjoys swimming, fishing, camping, sailing, and electronics; and

Whereas, for his Eagle Scout service project, James built a footbridge on the property of Belin Memorial United Methodist Church in Murrells Inlet. The land beside the church’s Family Life Center and adjacent to the outdoor chapel is divided by a retention pond with only a small path running beside it to lead to the other side of the property. Foot traffic had greatly eroded this path almost down to the level of the pond. Always slippery and muddy, the path had become a threat to safety, as well as to the plant life surrounding the pond. Having successfully addressed the problem with the footbridge he constructed, James increased the bridge’s usefulness by adding low‑voltage lighting for evening safety; and

Whereas, since the completion of James’s project, indigenous vegetation already has started to reclaim the area along the eroded pathanother benefit of his well‑thought‑out enterprise; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives commends James for this fine achievement, of which he may be justly proud. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate James Philip Cutler II of Horry County for achieving the elite rank of Eagle Scout and wish him every success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to James Cutler.

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