**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STEPHEN TALBOT YOUNG, JR., FOR HIS NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON ACHIEVING THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT, THE HIGHEST AWARD IN SCOUTING.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Stephen Talbot Young, Jr., of Troop 232 based at Northwest Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia, has successfully completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Whereas, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout must demonstrate that he lives by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life; he must plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or his community; and he must earn a total of twenty‑one merit badges, actively serve in a position of responsibility within his troop for six months, take part in a Scoutmaster conference, and successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review; and

Whereas, in the early 1900s throughout the British Empire, the Scout Movement began to form troops as a result of reading Lord Robert Baden‑Powell’s “Aids to Scouting,” written to train soldiers. In 1910, at the age of fifty‑three, Lord Baden‑Powell retired from a highly successful career as a scout in the British army to give his attention to this work; and

Whereas, as an outgrowth of the Scout Movement in England and with the endorsement of the Chief Scout of the World, Lord Baden‑Powell, the Boy Scouts of America was formed in 1910, and for over a century it has shaped future leaders of America by combining educational activities with lifelong values and fun; and

Whereas, sixteen‑year‑old Talbot Young resides in Atlanta with his sister, Jennifer Hailey Young, and his parents Jennifer J. Young and Stephen T. Young, Sr., a business owner and employer in Spartanburg; and

Whereas, with all of his family, he is a member of Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, and he attends The Howard School there; and

Whereas, as part of his requirements for Eagle Scout, Talbot completed an Eagle project by building four commercial‑grade, eight‑foot benches to provide for teachers on the Northwest Presbyterian playground; and

Whereas, Talbot Young has participated in Scouting since 2008, and at a ceremony to be held on Monday, January 25, 2016, he will be awarded the coveted rank of Eagle Scout, the rigorous requirements for which are completed by only a small percent of Boy Scouts; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the legacy of Scouting in America and take great pride in acknowledging the accomplishments of young South Carolinians like Talbot Young who selflessly give of their time, talents, and energy to enrich their local communities. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Stephen Talbot Young, Jr., for his noteworthy accomplishments in the Boy Scouts of America and congratulate him upon achieving the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Scouting.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Stephen Talbot Young, Jr.

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