**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BOY SCOUT SCOTT WILLS OF GILBERT ON BEING AWARDED THE MEDAL OF MERIT BY THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS HEROIC ACTIONS IN NOVEMBER 2014, WHEN HE RESCUED HIS FELLOW CAMPERS FROM A WATER ACCIDENT.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful to learn that Boy Scout Scott Wills of Gilbert was awarded the Boy Scouts of America Medal of Merit, an honor achieved by only a few in the world of scouting; and

Whereas, in November 2014, Scott, some other Scouts and Tiger Cubs, and their Scout leaders were at a pond at Camp Kinard fishing from a platform. While leaning over the front of the dock to unsnag a fishing pole, the dock flipped over trapping the Tiger Cubs and their leaders underneath; and

Whereas, Ian Bobbitt, Pack 60 Den leader, came up and was hit on the head by the platform. He tried to hoist the dock, but seconds later he was being assisted by Scott Wills. Scott quickly began grabbing the youngsters and throwing them to safety on shore. This young man’s act of heroism not only saved lives but also earned him the Medal of Merit and yet more respect from his Scoutmaster, Allen Stover; and

Whereas, soon to become an Eagle Scout, this Life Scout is a true example of the Boy Scouts’ credo of “duty to others” as he did not hesitate on that fateful November day in 2014 when he leapt to the aid of his fellow Scouts; and

Whereas, a student at Gilbert High School, Scott is a member of the band and plays the tuba and sousaphone. He is considering a career as a chemical or nuclear engineer; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the heroism of Scott Wills, express pride in this brave son of the Palmetto State, and honor the courage he exercised in caring for his comrades in their hour of need. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Boy Scout Scott Wills of Gilbert on being awarded the Medal of Merit by the Boy Scouts of America and commend him for his heroic actions in November 2014, when he rescued his fellow campers from a water accident.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Scott Wills.

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