**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MICHAEL LAURENCE NOVACK BELANGER OF HORRY COUNTY FOR HIS REMARKABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO SALUTE HIM UPON ACHIEVING THE CELEBRATED RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT, THE HIGHEST AWARD IN SCOUTING.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to congratulate Horry County resident Michael Laurence Novack Belanger of Troop 853 in the Pee Dee Area Council, who successfully passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review and thus completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Whereas, the son of Laurence and Tracy Belanger, this graduate of St. James High School in Murrells Inlet played in St. James’s marching band and attended the Academy for the Arts, Science, and Technology (AAST), an honor school of the Horry County Schools, during his junior and senior years. Michael enjoys reading and is presently a student at Horry Georgetown Technical College; and

Whereas, during his later years in Scouting, Michael served Troop 853, sponsored by Surfside United Methodist Church, as senior patrol leader, scribe, and patrol leader; and

Whereas, Michael will receive his Eagle Scout badge on Saturday, April 27, 2019; and

Whereas, for his Eagle project, Michael conducted a prescription disposal, during which he spent one hundred sixteen hours collecting old prescription bottles and properly disposing of them; 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 complete his Eagle Scout Board of Review; and

Whereas, only about five percent of Boy Scouts complete these rigorous requirements to achieve the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout; and

Whereas, the House is grateful for the legacy of Scouting in America and takes great pride in acknowledging the achievements of young South Carolinians like Michael Laurence Novack Belanger who selflessly give of their time, talents, and energy to enrich their local communities and our State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Michael Laurence Novack Belanger of Horry County for his remarkable accomplishments in the Boy Scouts of America and salute him upon achieving the celebrated rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Scouting.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Michael Laurence Novack Belanger.

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