**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE WILLIAM SETH REID OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOR HIS REMARKABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO SALUTE HIM UPON HIS ACHIEVING THE CELEBRATED RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT, THE HIGHEST AWARD IN SCOUTING.

Whereas, recently, William Seth Reid of Troop 2 of the Palmetto Council successfully passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review and thus completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Whereas, the son of Charles and Kelly Reid of Spartanburg, this Spartanburg Day School junior has participated in three high school sports (cross country, soccer, and swimming) and has served as a leader on the school’s annual Envirothon team and as an annual participant in the Model Arab League. An active member of his school’s Interact service club, he has been chosen to serve as vice president for his senior year. Further, he has worked every summer of high school as a lifeguard. In the classroom, Seth is a goal‑oriented, academic achiever who has consistently received high honors; and

Whereas, in working toward becoming an Eagle Scout, Seth has earned numerous merit badges and a Bronze Palm and has been named to the Order of the Arrow (Scouting’s national honor society). He has served his troop, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, as Spartan patrol leader for the troop’s backcountry backpacking group; and

Whereas, Seth officially will receive the rank of Eagle Scout during the fall of 2019; and

Whereas, for his Eagle project, in November 2018 Seth led a group of volunteers in setting up a monument and landscaping to encourage all residents, civic institutions, businesses, and partners to promote policies and practices that support a neighborly community. The project was a response to a Spartanburg City Council resolution calling for the same; 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 Seth Reid 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 William Seth Reid of Spartanburg County for his remarkable accomplishments in the Boy Scouts of America and salute him upon his 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 William Seth Reid.

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