**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE VICTOR B. SHELBURNE, SCOUTMASTER OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 235 OF THE BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL, FOR HIS NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO RECOGNIZE HIM FOR HIS FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE AS A SCOUTMASTER IN CLEMSON.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Victor B. Shelburne, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 235 of the Blue Ridge Council has served as a Scoutmaster in Clemson for forty years; and

Whereas, since the incorporation of the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910, its mission has been to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law, which, among other things, includes the pledge to “do duty to God and our Country and to help other people at all times”; and

Whereas, Victor’s history as a Boy Scout began in September of 1963 as a Tenderfoot in Westboro, Massachusetts. In June of 1970, he earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout while a member of Troop 41 in Stanford, Connecticut; and

Whereas, after spending nine years in leadership positions with other troops, Victor assumed his role of Scoutmaster of Troop 235 in May of 1980; and

Whereas, since becoming the Scoutmaster of Troop 235, the troop has camped more than fourteen hundred nights throughout the United States and Canada. The troop’s annual membership averages sixty scouts, and its members perform eight hundred to twelve hundred hours of service annually; 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, during Victor Shelburne’s tenure as Scoutmaster for Troop 235, two hundred and eleven dedicated Scouts received their Eagle; 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 South Carolinians like Victor B. Shelburne 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 Victor B. Shelburne, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 235 of the Blue Ridge Council, for his noteworthy achievements in the Boy Scouts of America and to recognize him for his forty years of service as a Scoutmaster in Clemson.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Victor B. Shelburne.

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