**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MCKENZIE WILLIAM “MACK” PHILLIPS OF BERKELEY 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, recently, McKenzie William “Mack” Phillips of Troop 743 of Coastal Carolina 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 Jolinda Phillips and William Rogers Phillips, Jr., this Berkeley High School senior started Scouting at age six. He has attended National Youth Leadership Training and Summit Adventure Leadership Training, earned his open‑water and advanced scuba‑diving certifications, and attended Sea Base Adventure Camp in the Florida Keys to dive with other Scouts; and

Whereas, on entering high school, he joined the Air Force JROTC, where he became an award‑winning commander of the Raider team. He currently serves as cadet squadron commander. He is already enlisted in the U.S. Navy and will leave for basic training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes in Illinois on July 8, 2021; and

Whereas, during his years in Scouting, Mack has been named to the Order of the Arrow and has earned the Dime Award for rifle marksmanship and the Top Shot Award for shotgun marksmanship. In addition to his awards in Scouting, Mack earned his kohai rank (junior instructor rank), and later, his black belt rank in karate; and

Whereas, he has served his troop, sponsored by Pinopolis United Methodist Church, as patrol leader, scribe, senior patrol leader, and troop guide; and

Whereas, Mack officially received the rank of Eagle Scout on March 29, 2021; and

Whereas, for his Eagle project, he rebuilt a bridge on the Palmetto Trail between mile markers thirty‑seven and thirty‑eight on the Swamp Fox Passage; 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 eight 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 McKenzie William “Mack” Phillips 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 McKenzie William “Mack” Phillips of Berkeley 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 McKenzie William “Mack” Phillips.

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