**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR NOAH CARTER OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 801 OF THE PEE DEE AREA COUNCIL, WHO DISPLAYED EXTRAORDINARY PRESENCE OF MIND AND SWIFTNESS OF ACTION TO RENDER AID, TO EXPRESS DEEP‑FELT GRATITUDE FOR HIS SELFLESS ACTIONS, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT IN MARCH OF 2020.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are pleased to learn of the actions of Noah Carter, an Eagle Scout of Boy Scout Troop 801 of the Pee Dee Area Council on October 25, 2019; 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, on October 25, 2019, Noah Carter, then a Life Scout, and Matthew Cockfield, an Eagle Scout of Troop 801, came upon a citizen in need while driving along Carolina Forest Boulevard; and

Whereas, the pair called for emergency services and, using skills obtained through first aid training as a part of the Boy Scouts, they determined the citizen in need was having a seizure and rendered aid until further assistance could arrive; and

Whereas, there is a proud and cherished legacy of Scouting in America and in this State. The quickness and decisiveness of Noah Carter and Matthew Cockfield’s actions directly contributed to the health and safety of another and is a testament to their tremendous character and the effectiveness of prepared Scouts in action; and

Whereas, though only a Life Scout at the time he rendered aid, Noah Carter achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in March 2020. 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, Noah Carter’s service project was oriented to benefit the mental health and well‑being of children in Myrtle Beach Middle School; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are honored to recognize the heroism and determination of those, like Noah Carter, who go above and beyond in the service of others and are proud to congratulate Noah Carter on achieving the penultimate rank of Eagle Scout. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Noah Carter of Boy Scout Troop 801 of the Pee Dee Area Council, who displayed extraordinary presence of mind and swiftness of action to render aid, express deep‑felt gratitude for his selfless actions, and congratulate him for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in March of 2020.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Noah Carter.

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