

HOUSE RESOLUTION 139

By White

A RESOLUTION to honor Thomas Wade Bonds on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing boys and young men with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout and Thomas Wade Bonds, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, during his eminent tenure in scouting, Mr. Bonds has demonstrated considerable ability and maturity as a role model among his peers; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement includes forty Merit Badges and distinguished service in several leadership positions: Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Scribe, Troop Guide, and Assistant Scoutmaster; and

WHEREAS, having been involved in the scouting program since first grade, this remarkable young gentleman has been the recipient of various honors and prestigious awards, including the Arrow of Light as a Webelos, the Bronze Palms, the Good Citizenship Award by Marines in Boy Scouts, and honorary American Legion membership for his Eagle Scout project; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle project, Thomas coordinated the installation of three flag poles behind the American Legion Veteran's Monument in Middleton, Tennessee, paying respect to veterans who bravely fought for our country. The three flags complementing the American Legion Veteran Wall include the American flag, the Tennessee flag, and the POW-MIA flag; and

WHEREAS, after many dedicated weeks of fundraising, Mr. Bonds raised \$ 4,030.23 from the American Legion, businesses, family, and friends. Thomas directed a team of five scouts, three scout leaders, and three adults for his project, earning a total of fifty-four and one-half collective service hours; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bonds has achieved an exemplary grade point average at Germantown High School, and he has participated in numerous worthwhile extracurricular activities, including membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, Modern Film Club, Spanish Club, and Thespian Troupe #912; serving as Advertising Director for Popular Pike Playhouse, Moderator for "What's Up Doc," and Crosstalk Producer 2010; leading as an Assistant Programming Director in 2009, performing the tasks of GHS-TV floor director, tape operator, camera crew, and producer; and participating as the Guest Producer for the Germantown Festival in 2009 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, providing numerous contributions to the artistic legacy of our State, Mr. Bonds displayed his first-rate talent in numerous theatrical performances, including "Beauty and the Beast," "Curtains," "Parade," "The Secret Garden," and lead in "The Farnsworth Invention." He also served as the backstage manager in "The Fantastics" and as the house manager in "Beaux Stratagem"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bonds's favorite memories from his ten year involvement in scouting include winning first place at the Pinewood Derby Race for the Pack, whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River, cave spelunking in Kentucky and Tennessee, and canoeing with a snake on Ghost River; and

WHEREAS, Thomas's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bonds's many impressive achievements, including this latest honor, are a source of great pride for his parents, Betsy Bonds and Tom and Marion Bonds, and his community; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Thomas Wade Bonds as one of the most outstanding young people in our great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Thomas Wade Bonds on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.