

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 704

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to honor Ryan Charles Burcham 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 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 Ryan Charles Burcham, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has earned membership in the prestigious Eagle Scout Brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Burcham began scouting in the second grade as a member of Cub Scout Pack 154 before he joined Boy Scout Troop 354 in February of 2007; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has demonstrated considerable leadership ability as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Scout Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Burcham's notable record of achievement includes twenty-five merit badges and membership in the Boy Scout's national honor society, the Order of the Arrow; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle Project, Ryan built a structure on the Central United Methodist Church grounds to assist the coffee ministry of the church; the project was completed after 204 hours of work by eleven scouts and eight adult volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Ryan also serves his community through his volunteer work at the Good Samaritan Center; and

WHEREAS, the son of Kevin and Sue Burcham, Ryan Burcham's older brother, Brad, also became an Eagle Scout in 2012 as a member of Troop 354; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Burcham is a talented competitive swimmer at Bearden High School, and he is considering swimming at the collegiate level with the US Naval Academy or Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ryan Charles Burcham 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.