

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 59

By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Matthew Alexander Christley upon attaining the rank of 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 achieve is that of Eagle Scout and Matthew Alexander Christley, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, will be inducted into the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor on March 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, he has been home educated his entire scholastic career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Christley lives his life by demonstrating the three points of the Scout Oath, the twelve points of Scout Law, the Scout Motto, and the Scout Slogan; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrates his duty to God by serving in his church's Audio Visual Ministry and by teaching younger children in Sunday school; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrates duty to country by participating in Momentum, a speech and debate club, as a student trainer; learning, teaching and debating policy, competing at the college level and is nationally and state ranked; and

WHEREAS, he started as a Cub Scout at age seven earning each rank from Tiger to Webelos Badge, culminating with the highest rank in Cub Scouts, the esteemed Arrow of Light; Matthew also worked diligently to earn his God and Country Award, the National Heritage Bronze Award, World Conservation Awards; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to the Order of the Arrow and endured the trials of the Ordeal and Brotherhood, while learning and displaying leadership and service; and

WHEREAS, he faithfully worked to earn numerous merit badges and excelled at the tests and requirements that moved him through the ranks from Scout through Eagle; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Christley demonstrated distinguished leadership in the youth offices of Troop 456, of the Trail of Tears District in the Middle Tennessee Council; and

WHEREAS, he worked to design, build to completion, and provide leadership and direction for an arduous project that now benefits the good of citizens of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; enhancing their Bark Park, located at 1540 W. College Street, by providing a much-needed pavilion shelter from heat and precipitation; and

WHEREAS, he wishes to continue to build upon the skills learned as a Boy Scout and earn his degree in Mechanical Engineering from an esteemed institution or higher learning, receive his Professional Engineer license and open his own engineering company; and

WHEREAS, he desires to continue to faithfully serve this great country, the citizens of Tennessee, and the community of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Christley epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to recognize Matthew Christley as one of the most outstanding young people in our great state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Matthew Alexander Christley for achieving the high and honorable rank of Eagle Scout and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

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