

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5 of the Second Extraordinary Session

By Jenkins

A RESOLUTION to recognize Austin Creech 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 Austin Creech, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, being awarded Eagle Rank is the culminating achievement of Mr. Creech's dedicated involvement with the Boy Scouts of America; since joining in 2010, Austin has advanced steadily through the ranks, being named to the Order of the Arrow in 2014 and achieving Eagle Rank on April 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Austin Creech's notable record of achievement as a member of the Boy Scouts includes numerous merit badges and distinguished service as a leader and valued troop member; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle project, Austin chose to restore iron fencing in the Somerville Cemetery, the successful completion of which greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, a scholar of the highest caliber, Austin Creech is an honor student at Fayette Academy in Somerville, where he has taken honors and advanced placement classes in various disciplines throughout his high school career; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to enriching his educational experience outside of the classroom, Austin is a member of his school's Math Team and, as such, has earned various individual awards, including some state-level competition placements; additionally, he has participated in the school's band program since the sixth grade; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Creech is an active member of his church, participating in both the choir and orchestra of the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, a young man who embodies the volunteer spirit of this State, Austin has volunteered with Le Bonheur and has been an annual volunteer with Fayette Cares food drive and distribution since 2008; and

WHEREAS, once he has graduated from high school, Mr. Creech intends to matriculate at the University of Memphis, where he will embark upon the path toward a degree in medicine; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Austin Creech 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate Austin Creech on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and wish him all the best in 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.