

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 887

By White

A RESOLUTION to recognize Zackary Alan Taylor 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 its members 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 Zackary Alan Taylor, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the son of Jeff and Kim Taylor, Zackary is a student at Smyrna High School, where he has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers; he is a member of the school's Creative Writing Club, Beta Epsilon, Student Council, Unplugged Gaming, and Skills USA. Additionally, he is a four-year member of the bowling team, which team has won four District and Regional Titles and the 2019 State and National Championships; and

WHEREAS, Zackary began his career as a Bear with the Cub Scouts at David Youree Elementary School when he was in the third grade; his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 422 includes numerous merit badges and distinguished service as Librarian, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Webmaster, and Senior Patrol Leader. A member of Venturing Crew #42, he was awarded the Arrow of Light in 2013 and the Medal of Honor in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Zackary's Eagle project, creating two Memory Gardens at David Youree Elementary School in honor of a former teacher and a former student, greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, generous of spirit, Zackary Taylor participates with his troop in the annual Poppy Sale, Veterans Day Ceremony, and Scouting for Food; he has served during the Cub Scouts Summer Camp as a Den Chief, Teacher, Leader, and Camp Counselor; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his devout religious faith as an active member of LifePoint Church, where he serves as a preschool leader on Sundays, a leader for third- and fourth-grade students at the church's Vacation Bible School, and as a representative for the church's annual mission trip to Clarkston, Georgia; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Zackary Alan Taylor 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.