

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 193

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

A RESOLUTION

To commend David Hooper of Baton Rouge upon achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and earning twenty-one merit badges.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend and celebrate the accomplishments of David Hooper of Boy Scouts of America Troop 169 on the memorable and historic occasion of his attainment of the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Boy Scouts of America, incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by the United States Congress in 1916, is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill all requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills, and the Eagle Scout must earn twenty-one merit badges which signify the mastery of Scoutcraft skills, including Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, and Citizenship in the World; and

WHEREAS, in addition to earning the twenty-one merit badges, David Hooper is an honor student at Central High School; and

WHEREAS, David Hooper traveled to Cimarron, New Mexico, to Philmont Scout Ranch for two weeks for a ninety-mile backpacking trip; and

WHEREAS, only a small percentage of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout rank, illustrating that it takes a uniquely motivated young man like David Hooper to strive to embody the five integral responsibilities of an Eagle Scout, which are honor, loyalty, courage, cheer, and service; and

WHEREAS, presented with his Eagle Scout badge, David Hooper joins the ranks of such esteemed and respected Eagle Scouts as the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, the thirty-eighth

President of the United States, Captain James Lovell, the commander of the Apollo 13 space flight, and acclaimed filmmaker Steven Spielberg; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of the Boy Scouts of America is rich indeed, for it not only includes a history of service and proud citizenship which spans more than a century, but it includes the momentous and singular accomplishments of David Hooper, who is recognized and commended for his deep human values, the genuine spirit of good fellowship he inspires, and his service as a fine example of hard work and integrity in the eyes of future Eagle Scouts and his entire community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on the celebrated and historic occasion of his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and honor David Hooper of Baton Rouge upon achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, does hereby express with utmost gratitude and respect for the exemplary strides he has taken as a scout and as a citizen, does hereby congratulate David Hooper and the members and leaders of Troop 169 as they commemorate this most significant and unforgettable event when David pledges his eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout, and does hereby wish David and his entire family full measures of happiness and success in all of their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to David Hooper.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES