

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 196

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Van Denison on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting to commend and celebrate the accomplishments of Van Denison of Boy Scouts of America Troop 10 on the memorable and historic occasion of his attainment of the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, which will be presented to him during the Eagle Scout court of honor on May 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Boy Scouts of America, founded on February 8, 1910, and chartered by the United States Congress in 1916, is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law; and

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

WHEREAS, Van faithfully embodies the twelve points of the Scout Law: he is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent; and

WHEREAS, in pursuit of the rank of Eagle Scout, Van mapped out and identified problem areas along sidewalks and inspected all crosswalk signs while noting any mechanical or lighting issues in downtown Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, presented with his Eagle Scout badge, Van Denison 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; Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon; acclaimed filmmaker Steven Spielberg; and Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft; and

WHEREAS, the legacy for the Boy Scouts is indeed a rich one, for it not only includes a history of service of proud citizenship which spans more than a century, but it also includes the history of service and singular accomplishments of Van Denison, a young man to be recognized and commended by future Eagle Scouts and his community for the deep human values and genuine spirit of good fellowship that he inspires.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Van Denison on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; does hereby express utmost gratitude and respect for the exemplary strides he has taken as a Scout and a citizen; does hereby congratulate Van and the members and leaders of Troop 10 as they commemorate the significant event of Mr. Denison's pledge of eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout; and does hereby extend best wishes that he enjoy the fullest measures of happiness and success in all of his future endeavors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES