

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 161

BY SENATOR MCPHERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. M. E. Bozeman, Jr., for his years of service as a scout leader for the Boy Scouts of America.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana and the citizens of Louisiana recognize the tremendous contributions of Dr. M. E. Bozeman, Jr., to the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America was organized in 1910 to provide boys an educational program to build character, to train in the responsibilities of citizenship, and to develop personal fitness; and

WHEREAS, M. E. Bozeman, Jr.'s interest in boy scouts began when he was just a young boy scout himself in Winnfield, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, he later became a scout master in New Orleans, Louisiana, and a vigil member of the Order of the Arrow and the Brotherhood, a silver beaver recipient, scout master for Troop 8 and Troop 21, and served as a committee member of Troop 21; and

WHEREAS, for many decades he has dedicated his talents and time to the Boy Scouts of America, serving as an integral part of the Atakapas Council which he started, he served as District Chairman for Atakapas Council from 1977 to 1979, and he was President of the Pineville Kiwanis which sponsors Troop 21; and

WHEREAS, in his twenty-five plus years of active service to the Boy Scouts of America, Dr. Bozeman plays a highly instrumental role in a multitude of district and council events in the state and his assistance at and contributions to council activities, cannot be overstated; 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 nearly a century, it includes the momentous and singular accomplishments of Dr. M. E. Bozeman, Jr., who merits recognition and commendation for his deep human values, the genuine spirit of good fellowship he inspires, and his service as a fine example of maintaining the highest

principles of character in the eyes of his fellow scouts and his entire community and state;
and

WHEREAS, the achievements of Dr. M. E. Bozeman, Jr., represents scouting's finest tradition of duty to God and country, duty to others, and duty to self places him in a line of many successful often illustrious Scouts; and

WHEREAS, this company of men joined by Dr. M. E. Bozeman, Jr., began with Arthur Rose Eldred who became the first Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America in August 1912, and includes men such as United States President, Gerald Ford, Walmart founder, Sam Walton, producer/director, Steven Spielberg, astronaut, Neil Armstrong, Suns head coach, Danny Ainge, and the surgeon who placed the first artificial heart, Dr. William Devries; and

WHEREAS, Dr. M. E. Bozeman, Jr., was an outstanding general practitioner for over fifty years, and has made a tremendous impact on his state, and his community, that along with his past efforts and remarkable contributions in and to the Boy Scouts of America will continue to be appreciated and felt by future generations and are what he considers two of his richest and major accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon extraordinary men like Dr. M. E. Bozeman, Jr., who lead by example and help to mold and nurture the young minds of our future generations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commend Dr. M. E. Bozeman, Jr., on his numerous accomplishments, and manifold contributions to the Boy Scouts of America, to his community, and to the state, as well as the generous and admirable way in which he has devoted his time, energy and his talents to the full development of young men into informed, capable, and productive citizens of their communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Dr. M.E. Bozeman, Jr.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE