

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

By Evans

A RESOLUTION to recognize James Milam, Jr., 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 James Milam, Jr., after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, James is a senior at White House Heritage High School, where he has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers and has dedicated his time and talents as a trumpet player in the marching band; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of his Boy Scout Troop includes numerous Merit Badges, the Good Turn Award and the Southern Region Hero award, and a long history of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, James has allowed neither his progress through the ranks of scouting nor the expressions of his patriotism to be hampered in any way by the fact that he was born with caudal regression syndrome, which requires him to rely on the use of a wheelchair for mobility; and

WHEREAS, a deeply patriotic young man, James first captured the nation's attention when a picture of him crawling from grave to grave, placing flags on each, graced the pages of *The Tennessean* in 2003; and

WHEREAS, he continues to place flags at the Nashville Memorial Cemetery in Madison each Memorial Day and, since 2004, has placed the wreath at that cemetery's Memorial Day

services. In addition, he has played the trumpet for many patriotic and political events in his community, was a speaker at his community's annual Independence Day Celebration, played taps during Greenbrier's Memorial Day service, and was given a flag which had flown over the Marine Corps War Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, James Milam was recognized by the mayor of his community, who designated the month of July in James's honor, was given a resolution by the Sumner County Commission in recognition of his patriotism and his work on his Eagle project, and was named an honorary member of the United States Marines; and

WHEREAS, James's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize James Milan 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 SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate James Milam, Jr., 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 resolving clause omitted from such copy.