

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 782

By Todd

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Samuel Latham upon obtaining the rank of 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 and women 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 Samuel Latham, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, will join the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor on February 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latham has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers as a Senior Patrol Leader, Chaplain's Aide, Troop Guide, Scribe, Den Chief, and Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow, where he was elected Vice Chief of Service for the Ittawamba Lodge; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 205 includes an impressive sixty-five merit badges for subjects including First Aid, citizenship, aquatics, wilderness survival, technology, and communication, among others; and

WHEREAS, a precocious and community-oriented young man, Mr. Latham has participated in over 400 hours of volunteer and service work, both in his church and local community, such as filling Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes and teaching younger scouts as a Troop Guide, assisting them in earning their own rank advancements; and

WHEREAS, outside of his work with his Troop, Mr. Latham continues to prove himself a versatile achiever, ranking sixth in his class at Madison Academic Academy, taking part in Beta Club, and contributing to the school magazine; additionally, Mr. Latham is a gifted writer and

speaker who has written many essays, even representing his community in the "Do The Write Thing" program; he has also won the title of state champion in Microsoft PowerPoint and placed third in the 2023 competition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latham is also deeply athletically inclined, participating in the state champion soccer team, cross country team, and PE club, as well as following his favorite sports teams, the Vols, Titans, Grizzlies, and Cubs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latham's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of volunteerism; for his project, he lent a helping hand to Calvary Baptist Church, creating a new recreation area through building a fire pit, horseshoe pit, and washer pit, and renovating the volleyball court; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should recognize Samuel Latham 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Samuel Latham upon obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout, extending to him our best wishes for a bright and successful future.

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.