

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7008 of the First Extraordinary Session

By Jernigan

A RESOLUTION to recognize Joseph Anthony Syracuse 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 Joseph "Joey" Anthony Syracuse, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, will soon join the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor in a ceremony to be held at Two Rivers Mansion; and

WHEREAS, the son of Jeff Syracuse, Joey Syracuse has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers; and

WHEREAS, Joey Syracuse joined Cub Scout Pack 43 at Dodson Elementary School as a first grade student in 2009; through hard work and persistence, he steadily rose through the ranks, earning Bobcat in September 2009, Wolf in May 2010, Bear in February 2011, Webelos in February 2012, and Cub Scout's highest honor, the Arrow of Light, in February 2013; and

WHEREAS, in March 2013, he joined Boy Scout Troop 777 and quickly became an active member of the troop, achieving the ranks of Tenderfoot in May 2014, Second Class in August 2014, First Class in July 2015, Star in February 2016, and Life in March 2017; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Troop 777 includes numerous merit badges, including Environmental Science; First Aid; Emergency Preparation; Wilderness Survival; Citizenship in the Community, Nation, and World; Wood Carving; Welding; Leatherwork; and Space Exploration, which he earned for completing Advanced Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle project, Joey Syracuse, with his grandfather's guidance, created a pedestrian bridge over a natural spring in support of the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion's efforts to create new trails around the historic property; the bridge was engineered to last many generations and for all to enjoy and use as part of their discovery of one of Nashville's foundational historic sites; and

WHEREAS, Joey'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 recognize Joey Syracuse 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Joseph "Joey" Anthony Syracuse 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.