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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Raymond and Chris Root's four sons, Jarod, Jordan,
2 Jacob, and Jayden, have each earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the
3 most prestigious honor offered by the Boy Scouts of America; and

4 WHEREAS, On November 7, 2004, the Root family celebrated as
5 Jacob and Jayden were honored for their significant accomplishments
6 by Troop 668 in a ceremony at First Baptist Church in Gainesville;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Elder sons Jarod and Jordan attended and
9 participated in the ceremony as Eagle Scouts themselves, having
10 earned their rank in 1994 and 1998, respectively; Jarod has wanted
11 to be an Eagle Scout since attending his first Cub Scout meeting,
12 and at age 14 he became the youngest Eagle in troop history; his
13 brother, Jordan, followed his path and completed an impressive
14 video identification system for the Claude Jones Day Care Center as
15 his Eagle Scout service project; and

16 WHEREAS, Although the boys' father earned the designation
17 Life Scout as a young boy, he did not have the opportunity to
18 complete the community service project required to become an Eagle
19 Scout; however, he encouraged his sons to fulfill their own dreams,
20 while their mother, a former Girl Scout, nurtured their
21 extraordinary devotion to service and personal growth; and

22 WHEREAS, Jacob and Jayden, the most recent members of the
23 Root family to become Eagle Scouts, had large shoes to fill in their
24 quest for scouting's highest honor; Jacob knew he wanted to follow

1 in his brothers' footsteps, and after completing his project by
2 repainting the trim of the Claude Jones Day Care Center, he achieved
3 that goal; Jayden began his pursuit of the Eagle insignia at age 12,
4 when he felt the encouraging nudge of his older brothers; his
5 project included the clearing of excess vegetation from the grounds
6 of the House of Hope, which provides English as a Second Language
7 classes in Gainesville; and

8 WHEREAS, In a pleasant surprise toward the end of Troop 668's
9 ceremony, Mr. Root was named an Honorary Eagle Scout for his service
10 to the organization and encouragement of his sons' goals; Mr. and
11 Mrs. Root's supportive and loving relationship with their four sons
12 is testament to the power of the familial bond, and this important
13 achievement in their lives will be remembered and cherished for
14 years to come; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Eagle Scouts Jarod, Jordan, Jacob,
17 and Jayden Root on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and commend
18 their parents, Honorary Eagle Scout Raymond Root and Chris Root,
19 for fostering their sons' commitment to community service; and, be
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for the Root family as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.