By: Dukes   H.R. No. 1278

R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Edward B. Finnegan of Boy Scouts of America Troop
2 No. 489 in Austin has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, and this
3 accomplishment truly merits special recognition; and

4   WHEREAS, Receiving the Eagle Scout badge is a significant
5 honor, bestowed on only a small fraction of those who enter the
6 scouting movement; in the course of meeting the rank's demanding
7 criteria, Mr. Finnegan earned 51 merit badges, far beyond the
8 requisite 21, and successfully completed an Eagle Scout project of
9 benefit to his community; and

10   WHEREAS, Edward Finnegan has demonstrated outstanding
11 dedication throughout his scouting career; although he has Down
12 Syndrome, he has not allowed this or any other obstacle to hinder
13 his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout; at the age of 33, he has
14 fulfilled his longtime aspiration and earned the respect and
15 admiration of his fellow scouts; and

16   WHEREAS, An active member of the community, Mr. Finnegan
17 belongs to Sacred Heart Parish, where he volunteers as an usher at
18 church services; he also participates in the Good Friends Social
19 Club and holds membership in the Knights of Columbus; moreover, he
20 enjoys travel and has visited many of the state capitols in the
21 United States, and he has worked at a vocational rehabilitation
22 center for the past eight years; and

23   WHEREAS, Eagle Scout Finnegan's dedication to excellence and
24 his perseverance in the pursuit of his goals have proven him worthy

1   to stand among scouting's elite, and he may indeed reflect with

2   pride on a job well done; now, therefore, be it

3   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

4   Legislature hereby congratulate Edward B. Finnegan for achieving

5   the rank of Eagle Scout and extend to him sincere best wishes for

6   continued success and happiness; and, be it further

7   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

8   prepared for Mr. Finnegan as an expression of high regard by the

9   Texas House of Representatives.