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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than a century, the Boy Scouts of America
2 has helped young men build character, become responsible citizens,
3 and develop their abilities in a wide range of pursuits, and those
4 scouts who advance through the program to its highest rank are
5 rewarded with the Eagle Scout insignia; and

6 WHEREAS, Only about five percent of all Boy Scouts earn the
7 title of Eagle Scout, and Kyle Westley Deal, Jr., may now count
8 himself in that select group; in order to obtain that notable honor,
9 specific requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and
10 outdoor skills must be met; Eagle Scouts need to earn at least 21
11 merit badges, including those in first aid, camping, personal
12 fitness, environmental science, and citizenship; an Eagle Scout
13 must also serve as a leader both in his troop and in the completion
14 of a project that is beneficial to a school, religious institution,
15 or community; for his project, Mr. Deal created a xeriscape for a
16 butterfly garden at Orchard Park in Cameron, and he installed a drip
17 irrigation system to provide hands-off watering; and

18 WHEREAS, Many Eagle Scouts go on to further distinguish
19 themselves in such fields as business, science, politics, and the
20 arts; among those accomplished individuals who have achieved Eagle
21 Scout status are astronaut Neil Armstrong, President Gerald Ford,
22 Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, jazz musician Wynton Marsalis,
23 film director Steven Spielberg, and entrepreneur Sam Walton; and

24 WHEREAS, The Eagle Scout program fosters self-reliance,

1 initiative, and resourcefulness, and those same qualities that
2 enable a scout to attain this prestigious rank will be invaluable
3 assets to him on the road ahead; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Kyle Westley Deal, Jr., on
6 achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and extend to him sincere best
7 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Deal as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.