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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 Austin Graham of Troop 52 in Fort Worth
8 may now count himself in that select group; in order to obtain that
9 notable honor, specific requirements in the areas of leadership,
10 service, and outdoor skills must be met; Eagle Scouts need to earn
11 at least 21 merit badges, including those in first aid, camping,
12 personal fitness, environmental science, and citizenship; an Eagle
13 Scout must also serve as a leader both in his troop and in the
14 completion of a project that is beneficial to a school, religious
15 institution, or community; and

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

22 WHEREAS, The Eagle Scout program fosters self-reliance,
23 initiative, and resourcefulness, and those same qualities that
24 enable a scout to attain this prestigious rank will be invaluable

1 assets to him on the road ahead; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Eagle Scout Austin Graham on his
4 outstanding achievement and extend to him sincere best wishes for
5 continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Eagle Scout Graham as an expression of high regard by
8 the Texas House of Representatives.