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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; only about five percent of  
6 all Boy Scouts earn the title of Eagle Scout, and Austin Leighton of  
7 Troop No. 604 in Houston is counted in that select group; and

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

16           WHEREAS, The son of Roy Dean Leighton, Jr., and Pam Leighton,  
17 Eagle Scout Leighton served as a den chief, patrol leader, and  
18 senior patrol leader; he led youth services at his church and  
19 directed the youth choir, and he graduated from Waltrip High  
20 School, where he was active in band and swimming; for his Eagle  
21 Scout project, he coordinated blood drives to benefit the Houston  
22 Blood Bank; and

23           WHEREAS, The Eagle Scout program fosters self-reliance,  
24 initiative, and resourcefulness, and those same qualities that

1 enable a scout to attain this prestigious rank are invaluable  
2 assets to him on the road ahead; now, therefore, be it

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

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