

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 six percent of all Boy Scouts earn the  
7 title of Eagle Scout, and Jackson Thomas Kays of McKinney may now  
8 count himself in that select group; in order to obtain this notable  
9 honor, specific requirements in the areas of leadership, service,  
10 and outdoor skills must be met; Eagle Scouts need to earn at least  
11 21 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; 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 jazz musician Wynton Marsalis, film director Steven Spielberg, and  
21 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 84th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby commend Eagle Scout Jackson Thomas Kays 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 Mr. Kays as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
8 House of Representatives.

Sanford

H.R. No. 2516

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2516 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House