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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 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.