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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Dr. Ben Ed Hillhouse, a longtime Wheeler veterinarian, has made a positive and lasting difference in the lives of many local residents as scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop No. 472; and

WHEREAS, An Eagle Scout himself, Dr. Hillhouse returned to the scouting movement when his eldest son, Drew, became a Tiger Cub in 1987; he helped out with Troop No. 472 for several years before taking over as scoutmaster in 1993; and

WHEREAS, In the decades since, Dr. Hillhouse has guided 51 of the troop's members, including his sons Drew and Samuel, in attaining the rank of Eagle Scout; under his leadership, these upstanding young Texans have each completed an Eagle Scout project of benefit to the community, such as preparing land next to the Wheeler Cemetery to allow for its expansion, documenting the locations of area storm shelters for Wheeler Emergency Management, and updating various Wheeler Independent School District facilities; Dr. Hillhouse was honored for his dedicated service to the Boy Scouts with the Silver Beaver Award from the Golden Spread Council; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed civic leader has also given back to his community through his membership with the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce and his roles as finance committee chair for Wheeler United Methodist Church and as president of the Wheeler Economic Development Corporation and the Wheeler Area Activities Improvement Council; and

WHEREAS, Through his involvement with the Boy Scouts, Ben Ed Hillhouse has helped to equip many young men with the knowledge and confidence to face the challenges and opportunities of adulthood, and he is indeed deserving of recognition for all he has done in behalf of Troop No. 472; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby commend Dr. Ben Ed Hillhouse for his contributions as scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop No. 472 in Wheeler and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success with his important work; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Dr. Hillhouse as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.