

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY SENATOR WARD

A RESOLUTION

To congratulate Matthew Thomas Flynn of Erwinville upon his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout and to commend him for his outstanding community service.

WHEREAS, Matthew Flynn is a member of Troop 66, Sewell-Eagle District of Istrouma Area Council of Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, his fervent dedication to scouting began in first grade, Matthew quickly rose up the Cub Scouting ranks to obtain the rank of Arrow of Light and then joined Troop 66 of New Roads in March 2015; and

WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is a rare pinnacle in scouting with only four percent of all scouts reaching the status of Eagle; to attain the Eagle Badge, a scout must earn at least twenty-one merit badges, display leadership and outdoor skills, demonstrate by example, the Scout Oath and Law, and complete a service project within his community; and

WHEREAS, merit badge requirements include the following: First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communication, Personal Fitness, Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving, Environmental Science or Sustainability, Personal Management, Swimming or Hiking or Cycling, Camping, Cooking, and Family Life; and

WHEREAS, through diligence and hard work, Matthew has completed several community service projects that include devoting more than one hundred service hours to structural improvements to the dance studio at the Centre for the Arts, providing support to race course participants in local triathlons, and during the 2016 floods, transporting meals to first responders in Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge parishes as well as volunteering at the Scott Civic Center Shelter; and

WHEREAS, this summer Matthew shall interact with other scouts as an Ecology and Conservation counselor at the Hood Scout Reservation in Hazlehurst, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Matthew has a wide variety of interests; he is passionate about cooking and sharpens his culinary skills at every opportunity; he is an avid soccer player and assistant coach; and in 4-H, he has twice competed in archery at the state level; and

WHEREAS, Matthew has also earned three Religious Emblems from the Catholic Committee on Scouting, and he intends to complete five Ad Altere Dai Emblems which reflect his growth in spiritual experience and his relationship to God and the Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2019, Matthew Flynn completed the Board of Review and on April 28, 2019, he shall be awarded his Eagle Scout Badge at the Court of Honor to be held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Lakeland; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scout Oath states, *"On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight"*, and Matthew Flynn has upheld that promise in thought, word, and deed; and

WHEREAS, as an Eagle Scout candidate, Matthew Flynn is a worthy recipient who has proved to be an exceptional young man; he has used his service-oriented skills to bring about positive and meaningful changes in his community; and

WHEREAS, his parents, Mark Todd and Aundrea Flynn, are very proud of their son and his remarkable accomplishments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate Matthew Flynn upon his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout and does hereby commend him for his outstanding service to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby wish continued success to Matthew Flynn in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Matthew Thomas Flynn.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE