

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 132

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

A RESOLUTION

To commend Ryan Thomas McFarland on earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting to commend and celebrate the accomplishments of Ryan Thomas McFarland of Boy Scouts of America Troop 100 on the memorable and historic occasion of his attainment of the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Thomas McFarland is a sophomore at Jesuit High School in New Orleans, Louisiana; he achieved the status of Eagle Scout on November 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Boy Scouts of America, founded on February 8, 1910, and chartered by the United States Congress in 1916, is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill all requirements of leadership, services, and outdoor skills and must earn twenty-one merit badges which signify the mastery of Scouting skills, including Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, and Citizenship in the World; and

WHEREAS, Ryan faithfully embodies the twelve points of the Scout Law: he is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent; and

WHEREAS, Ryan is exceptionally dedicated to the mission of the Boy Scouts of America; he earned forty-one merit badges prior to becoming an Eagle Scout, which is twenty more than the minimum requirement to earn the highest rank; and

WHEREAS, Ryan completed an Eagle Scout Project that not only improved the quality of life in his community, but also provided a sense of closure for he and his family

following the tragic death of his uncle; for his project, he painted address numbers on the curbs of his neighborhood in honor of his uncle who lost his life after emergency services struggled to locate his address; and

WHEREAS, presented with his Eagle Scout badge, Ryan Thomas McFarland joins the ranks of such esteemed and respected Eagle Scouts as the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, the thirty-eighth president of the United States; Captain James Lovell, the commander of the Apollo 13 space flight; Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon; acclaimed filmmaker Steven Spielberg; and Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft; and

WHEREAS, the legacy for the Boy Scouts is indeed a rich one, for it not only includes a history of service of proud citizenship which spans more than a century, but it also includes the history of service and singular accomplishments of Ryan Thomas McFarland, a young man to be recognized and commended by future Eagle Scouts and his community for the deep human values and genuine spirit of good fellowship that he inspires.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Ryan Thomas McFarland on the historic occasion of his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout; does hereby express utmost gratitude and respect for the exemplary strides he has taken as a Scout and a citizen; does hereby congratulate Ryan and the members and leaders of Troop 100 as they commemorate the significant event of Mr. McFarland's pledge of eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout; and does hereby extend best wishes to Ryan Thomas McFarland for full measures of happiness and success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ryan Thomas McFarland.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES