

## House Resolution No. 245

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in tremendous esteem those young Show-Me State residents who have bettered themselves and their communities through the challenges and opportunities available to them in the Boy Scouts of America program; and

**Whereas**, Benjamin S. Parsons of Troop 768 in St. Peters, Missouri, entered Scouting nine years ago as a Cub Scout who subsequently crossed over to Boy Scouts five years ago; and

**Whereas**, Ben has enjoyed considerable success in his illustrious sojourn by completing all of the requirements for the Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life ranks, and by serving his Troop in such leadership posts as Patrol Leader and Troop Guide; and

**Whereas**, Ben participated in a rigorous hike through the mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico, and earned the World Conservation Award and a Lord Baden Powell Award; and

**Whereas**, in addition to fulfilling the requirements for thirty-four Merit Badges, Ben followed through with the Scouting tradition of completing an Eagle Project by building five balance boards with pivoting runners for the Null Elementary School Occupational Therapist to help children build neural pathways for better learning; and

**Whereas**, Ben will receive his well-deserved Eagle Medallion at a Court of Honor on Sunday, February 16, 2003, at the Knights of Columbus in St. Peters; and

**Whereas**, a student at St. Charles High School, Ben deserves commendation for his additional accomplishments with Junior Varsity Soccer, Orchestra, and Renaissance extracurricular activities:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute new Eagle Scout Benjamin Parsons and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon joining the select group of Boy Scouts who attain Scouting's highest achievement award; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to new Eagle Scout Benjamin S. Parsons, beloved son of Linda and Scott Parsons.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Tom Dempsey  
 District No. 18

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 245, adopted February 4, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker