

House Resolution No. 512

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

Whereas, Ryan D. Graves of Troop 426 in Festus, Missouri, has attained distinction since entering Scouting twelve years ago as a Cub Scout who went on to earn the Arrow of Light; and

Whereas, Ryan 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 Quartermaster and Patrol Leader; and

Whereas, Ryan engaged in numerous camporees, campouts, and outdoor sports activities; earned CPR certification; became an Ordeal member of Order of the Arrow; and participated in several Scouting for Food activities; and

Whereas, in addition to fulfilling the requirements for twenty-seven Merit Badges, Ryan followed through with the Scouting tradition of completing an Eagle Project by cleaning and renovating the old, abandoned Telegraph Cemetery in Festus which had become overgrown with brush and small trees and which had numerous headstones overturned; and

Whereas, Ryan will receive his well-deserved Eagle Medallion with Bronze Palm at a Court of Honor on Sunday, March 9, 2003, at the Festus Elks Lodge; and

Whereas, the son of Gerald (Jerry) and Kim Graves, Ryan truly appreciates the special support and encouragement he has received from his loving parents throughout his impressive tenure with the Boy Scouts:

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 Ryan Graves 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 Ryan D. Graves, as an expression of our most heartfelt respect for his accomplishments.

Offered by _____
Representative Mark C. Abel
District No. 103

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. 512, adopted February 26, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker