

House Resolution No. 531

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives fully recognize the meaningful role which the Boy Scouts of America organization plays in nurturing the positive development of prospective young leaders of the twenty-first century; and

Whereas, Benjamin James "Ben" Atkinson of Chesterfield, Missouri, will reach an unforgettable milestone in his Scouting career with the Boy Scouts of America when he is presented with the coveted Eagle Scout Award during a Court of Honor ceremony on May 3, 2003; and

Whereas, an outstanding member of Troop 805, Ben distinguished himself by planning and carrying out his Eagle Project which involved making a path through the woods to the common ground at Windemere Place Subdivision in Chesterfield; and

Whereas, Ben learned to accept responsibility while efficiently serving as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Quartermaster, positions which have prepared him to participate in and give leadership to American society; and

Whereas, Ben gained tremendous self-confidence by attaining the skills and knowledge to earn twenty-two merit badges and membership in the Order of the Arrow; and

Whereas, Ben has successfully met many challenges during his ten years in Scouting and has enriched his life immeasurably by camping, sailing, and climbing; and

Whereas, a junior at Parkway Central High School, where he is a member of the Honor Roll, Ben has realized these and other achievements with the love, support, and encouragement of his scoutmaster, family, and friends:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in applauding Ben Atkinson for his truly meritorious efforts to earn the rank of Eagle Scout and in expressing appreciation to his parents, Patricia A. and James W. Atkinson, III, for their loving support and continuous encouragement; 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 Eagle Scout Benjamin James Atkinson, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Jane Cunningham
District No. 86

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. 531, adopted February 27, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker