

House Resolution No. 470

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize young men who have excelled during their association with the Boy Scouts of America program with its emphasis on physical, mental, and spiritual growth; self-reliance; personal values; service to others; and an appreciation and understanding of the wonderful natural world; and

Whereas, Austin T. Kerns of Troop 60 has successfully completed all of the stringent requirements for Scouting's highest advancement award, the rank of Eagle Scout, which will be bestowed upon him during an Eagle Court of Honor on February 17, 2008, at the Boy Scout Cabin in his hometown's Messick Park; and

Whereas, attainment of the Eagle Scout rank is dependent upon the sequential completion of each of the Boy Scout steps of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life, and expected troop service, a requirement admirably fulfilled by Austin through the billets of Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Den Chief, Quartermaster, and Chaplain's Aide; and

Whereas, diligent labors by Austin earned him the name of Smallest Swift Roaring Silver Bird and status of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, a World Conservation Award, a Historic Trails Award, an American Heritage Award, and sixty-four merit badges that are arrayed on his uniform sash as a visual illustration of the diverse skills and knowledge which he has acquired as a Boy Scout; and

Whereas, in keeping with Scouting practice, Austin applied the knowledge that he learned at troop meetings in many camping, hiking, and service activities, including three summer sessions at Camp Geiger, assignment as a writer for "Make Talk" magazine, and performances with the Robidoux District Dance Team; and

Whereas, Austin completed an Eagle Project that consisted of selecting tree species, choosing planting locations, and coordinating the use of materials and labor to install more than one hundred trees in the city of Savannah in conjunction with the city and the Savannah Tree Board to serve as a capstone to his Scouting career and to stand as a constant reminder of his dedication to serving others, an admirable trait that justifies the esteemed role which Scouting plays in today's society:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the outstanding achievements realized by Austin Kerns during his seven-year-long sojourn with Scouting and to congratulate him for having the drive and energy necessary to attain the rank of Eagle; 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 new Eagle Scout Austin T. Kerns, son of Harold and Laura Kerns of Savannah, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Rob Schaaf
District No. 28

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 470, adopted February 7, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker