

House Resolution No. 645

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, Eli Jacob Hale of Troop 59 successfully completed all of the stringent requirements for Scouting's highest advancement award, the rank of Eagle Scout, which was bestowed upon him during an Eagle Court of Honor on February 10, 2008, at Grace Community Church in Rock Port, Missouri; 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 Eli through the billets of Patrol Leader and Quartermaster; and

Whereas, diligent labors by Eli earned him an Arrow of Light, the status of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, the World Conservation Award, and twenty-six 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, Eli applied the knowledge that he learned at troop meetings in many camping, hiking, and service activities, including four sessions at Camp Geiger and several spring, fall, and winter Camporees; and

Whereas, Eli completed an Eagle Project that consisted of raising money, organizing, and supervising the replanting of twenty trees in a park to replace those lost to a storm, 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 Eli Hale during his nine-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 Eli Jacob Hale, son of Tracy Barker and Mearl Hale.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Thomson
District No. 4

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. 645, adopted February 13, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker