

## House Resolution No. 913

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are fully cognizant of the important role which the Boy Scouts of America organization plays in offering a well-rounded program of activities designed to prepare young men for the many diverse challenges of responsible citizenship; and

**Whereas**, Aaron Kothe, of Jackson, Missouri, received the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout during a Court of Honor ceremony held on March 2, 2008, at the New McKendree United Methodist Celebration Center; and

**Whereas**, Aaron Kothe, the son of Jerry and Cynthia Kothe and a member of Boy Scout Troop 311, successfully met the requirements to attain Eagle status by completing his Eagle project and meeting all other criteria; and

**Whereas**, Aaron Kothe's 200-hour Eagle project consisted of leading a team of twelve scouts to improve the reflecting area at the New McKendree Celebration Center in Jackson, complete with the installation of a stone bench and walkway at the large stone fountain, providing a tranquil place for prayer and meditation; and

**Whereas**, being an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting but also as he enters higher education, business or industry, and community service, and the award is a performance-based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years; and

**Whereas**, not every boy who joins a Boy Scout troop earns the Eagle Scout rank, but only about five percent of all Boy Scouts do so; and

**Whereas**, the goals of Scouting—citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness—remain important for all Scouts, whether or not they attain the Eagle Scout rank; and

**Whereas**, Aaron Kothe realizes that the Eagle rank will be recognized at all levels of our society as being a great achievement that requires considerable dedication and effort:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, extend our congratulations to Aaron Kothe and wish him every success in all his future endeavors; 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 Eagle Scout Aaron Kothe.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Scott A. Lipke  
District No. 157

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. 913, adopted March 5, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker