**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DAVID STOKES BROOKS V FOR HIS REMARKABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO SALUTE HIM UPON ACHIEVING THE CELEBRATED RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT, THE HIGHEST AWARD IN SCOUTING.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that David Stokes Brooks V of Troop 748 of the Pee Dee Area Council has successfully completed the prerequisites for the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Whereas, the son of Dave and Mary Ann Brooks and brother of Lauren and Savannah, this Pee Dee Academy senior serves on his school’s varsity basketball, football, and baseball teams and attended Boys State. He is also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has served as a class officer during his high school years; and

Whereas, as an active member of Macedonia United Methodist Church, Stokes is involved in many youth activities there. When leisure time allows, he enjoys attending Clemson football games, hunting, and other outdoor activities; and

Whereas, during his years in Scouting, Stokes has been named to the Order of the Arrow and has advanced to the level of Brotherhood. He attended Philmont, where he hiked ninety miles in ten days; and

Whereas, having passed his Eagle Board on October 7, 2014, Stokes officially will receive the rank of Eagle Scout at a special ceremony to be held at Macedonia United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 14, 2014; and

Whereas, his Eagle project involved constructing a ramp for Macedonia United Methodist Church to assist youth, toddlers, and others to evacuate a building; and

Whereas, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout must demonstrate that he lives by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life; he must plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or his community; and he must earn a total of twenty‑one merit badges, actively serve in a position of responsibility within his troop for six months, take part in a Scoutmaster conference, and complete an Eagle Scout board of review; and

Whereas, only about seven percent of Boy Scouts completed these rigorous requirements in 2013 to achieve the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the legacy of Scouting in America and take great pride in acknowledging the achievements of young South Carolinians like David Stokes Brooks V who selflessly give of their time, talents, and energy to enrich their local communities and our State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate David Stokes Brooks V for his remarkable accomplishments in the Boy Scouts of America and salute him upon achieving the celebrated rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Scouting.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to David Stokes Brooks V.

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