**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHARLES WILLIAM “WILL” BRADDOCK OF COLUMBIA FOR HIS NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON EARNING THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT, THE HIGHEST AWARD IN SCOUTING.

Whereas, it is with great pride that the South Carolina House of Representatives recognizes the laudable achievements of young people, and among those youthful accomplishments that command the greatest respect is the attaining of the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Whereas, having proved himself worthy, Charles William “Will” Braddock on September 13, 2011, was named an Eagle Scout, an award granted to only about five percent of all Boy Scouts; and

Whereas, Will, son of Colonel Kenneth C. and Mrs. Sara A. Braddock, began his scouting activities in 2004 as a Cub Scout with Pack 752 in Lewisville, North Carolina, where he earned the ranks of Tiger, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos; and

Whereas, after moving with his family to Columbia in 2006, he joined Cub Scout Pack 337 at Lake Carolina Elementary. He earned his Arrow of Light in February 2007 and joined Boy Scout Troop 224 of Trinity United Methodist Church in Blythewood. There, he served his new troop in numerous leadership positions, including assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, and scribe, and earned 28 merit badges; and

Whereas, Will was elected to the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America, in February 2007 and was awarded the World Conservation Badge in July 2011. During his time in Troop 224, he earned the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life; and

Whereas, his Eagle Project was to refurbish and rebuild the pole vault team’s workout area at Spring Valley High School, an endeavor representing a total of 92.5 hours of community service; and

Whereas, the Eagle Scout award, the highest rank in scouting, is a performance‑based achievement whose high standards have been staunchly maintained since its inception in 1912. In attaining this coveted award, Will joins the ranks of astronauts, movie and sports celebrities, Nobel Prize winners, business and military leaders, and Senators and Congressmen, and may be justly proud of his accomplishment. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Charles William “Will” Braddock of Columbia for his noteworthy achievements in the Boy Scouts of America and congratulate him on earning the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award in scouting.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Will Braddock.

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