**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE BOY SCOUT RYAN JOSEPH OTT, UPON RECEIVING THE AMERICAN LEGION 2013 SOUTH CAROLINA BOY SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD, AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS HEROIC ACTIONS ON JULY 13, 2012, WHEN HE TENDED TO HIS INJURED FRIENDS AND RUSHED FOR HELP FOR HIS FELLOW BOY SCOUTS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful to learn that Boy Scout Ryan Joseph Ott of Troop 413 was honored with the American Legion 2013 South Carolina Boy Scout of the Year award on May 31, 2013; and

Whereas, on July 13, 2012, Ryan Ott was one of nine Boy Scouts and their driver involved in a tragic accident when their van crashed off Callahan Mountain Road near Travelers Rest while returning to their cabin a couple of miles from Camp Old Indian; and

Whereas, with no time to waste as gasoline emptied from the van, injured Scouts put their training into action and began helping those more seriously hurt; and

Whereas, pinned under the overturned van in a creek into which gasoline was leaking, D. J. Rish, Ryan’s best friend, was in critical need of immediate help in order to survive; and

Whereas, after giving aid to fellow Scouts, Ryan and two other Scouts, themselves injured, ran over a mile down a dark mountain road, with no shoes or flashlights and heedless of their own personnel safety, in order to call for emergency help and D. J. did survive the accident, based on Ryan’s heroic actions; and

Whereas, currently pursuing the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Scouting, Ryan Ott is a true example of the Boy Scouts’ credo of “duty to others”; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the heroism of Ryan Ott, a courageous son of the Palmetto State, and the bravery he exercised in caring for his comrades in their hour of need. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and commend Boy Scout Ryan Joseph Ott, upon receiving the American Legion 2013 South Carolina Boy Scout of the Year award, and commend him for his heroic actions on July 13, 2012, when he tended to his injured friends and rushed for help for his fellow Boy Scouts.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Boy Scout Ryan Joseph Ott.

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