

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Thomas Hodgson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Thomas Hodgson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of
3 Troop 888 of the Istrouma Area Council.

4 WHEREAS, Thomas Hodgson is a freshman at Catholic High School in Baton
5 Rouge, Louisiana, where he is an honor roll student and a member of the Spanish Club and
6 the Martial Arts Club; and

7 WHEREAS, Thomas has been involved in scouting for the past four years and
8 attaining the rank of Eagle Scout culminates a very successful and enjoyable experience as
9 a Boy Scout in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is a rare pinnacle in scouting with only four
11 percent of all scouts attaining the rank of Eagle; to attain the rank of Eagle Scout, a scout
12 must earn at least twenty-one merit badges, display leadership and outdoor skills,
13 demonstrate by example the Scout Oath and Law, and complete a service project in the
14 community; and

15 WHEREAS, Thomas' service project consisted of planning, administering, and
16 leading a group of scouts to install a living rosary garden at Most Blessed Sacrament
17 Catholic Church in Baton Rouge for all parishioners to enjoy; and

18 WHEREAS, the garden was designed in the shape of a rosary with large stepping

1 stones representing each decade with the center of the garden adorned with a statue of the
2 Most Blessed Virgin Mary; and

3 WHEREAS, the Boy Scout Oath states, "*On my honor, I will do my best to do my*
4 *duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to*
5 *keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight*", and Thomas Hodgson
6 has upheld that promise in thought, word, and deed; and

7 WHEREAS, as a recipient of the Eagle Scout badge, Thomas joins the ranks of
8 esteemed and respected Eagle Scouts such as the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, the thirty-eighth
9 president of the United States; Captain James Lovell, the commander of the Apollo 13 space
10 flight; Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon; acclaimed filmmaker Steven
11 Spielberg; and Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft; and

12 WHEREAS, the legacy of the Boy Scouts is indeed a rich one, for it not only
13 includes a history of service and proud citizenship which spans a century, but it also includes
14 the history of service and singular accomplishments of Thomas Hodgson, a young man to
15 be recognized and commended by future Eagle Scouts and his community for the deep
16 human values and genuine spirit of good fellowship that he inspires.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18 does hereby commend and honor Thomas Hodgson on the historic occasion of his attainment
19 of the rank of Eagle Scout; does hereby express utmost gratitude and respect for the
20 exemplary strides he has taken as a Scout and a citizen; does hereby congratulate Thomas
21 Hodgson and the members and leaders of Troop 888 as they commemorate the significant
22 event of Mr. Hodgson's pledge of eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout; and does
23 hereby extend best wishes to him and full measures of happiness and success in all of his
24 future endeavors.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
26 Thomas Hodgson.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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