

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the garden was designed in the shape of a rosary with large stepping stones representing each decade with the center of the garden adorned with a statue of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary; and

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE