

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

BY SENATOR FOIL

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Neal Risley Elliott III for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Neal Risley Elliott III of Troop 1, Istrouma Area Council of the Boy Scouts
3 of America on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, a superior rank attained by only two
4 percent of the boys who enter scouting.

5 WHEREAS, Neal Risley Elliott III, fourteen, is the son of Olivia Woodyear and Neal
6 R. Elliott II, he has a younger brother, Marshal, and is a freshman at Episcopal High School
7 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, Risley began his membership in Troop 1 of the Boy Scouts, a troop
9 organized through Jefferson United Methodist Church, as a Cub Scout in 2012, became a
10 Webelos Scout in 2015, achieved the rank of Arrow of Light on May 1, 2017, and reached
11 Scout Rank on August 29, 2017; and

12 WHEREAS, as a Scout, Risley attained Tenderfoot rank on October 29, 2019, and
13 Second Class rank on May 30, 2018, First Class on October 9, 2018, Star rank on
14 February 9, 2019, Life on December 10, 2019, and was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout,
15 having met all of the rigorous requirements for such a designation, on August 8, 2020; and

16 WHEREAS, Risley Elliott loves fishing and in choosing a project as part of his
17 preparation to become an Eagle Scout, he focused on that love of fishing; and

18 WHEREAS, each candidate for Eagle Scout must choose and complete a project that

1 is his personal commitment and Risley chose to make twenty artificial fish habitats for
2 Waddill Wildlife Refuge and installed the habitats in the ponds at the refuge; and

3 WHEREAS, Waddill Wildlife Refuge, part of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife
4 and Fisheries, is within the urban environment of Baton Rouge located off North Flannery
5 Road, but it offers a sprawling tree-filled area with trails, two fishing ponds, and ranges for
6 archery and air rifles; and

7 WHEREAS, the two ponds at Waddill are frequented by fly fishermen and have been
8 stocked with catfish in the past, but the fish habitats will help keep a healthy population of
9 fish for the future; and

10 WHEREAS, beyond school and scouting, Risley is a lifelong member of St. James
11 Episcopal Church where he currently serves as an acolyte; and

12 WHEREAS, the accomplishment of becoming an Eagle Scout is one that speaks of
13 a commitment to purpose and an ability to learn and grow in many areas of life in today's
14 world, including earning badges in such wide-ranging areas of concentration as archery,
15 chess, citizenship in community, nation and the world, emergency preparedness, family life,
16 nature, space exploration, and wilderness survival; and

17 WHEREAS, in completing merit badges in these categories and many others, Risley
18 has worked hard to educate and equip himself for a future in a world that is evolving every
19 day, but also to value the quiet solitude and opportunity for reflection afforded by a quiet
20 afternoon spent fishing, as mankind has for millennia, bringing Risley to a point where he
21 can embrace the beauty and importance of nature that surrounds and speaks to all; and

22 WHEREAS, Neal Risley Elliott III has made his mark on scouting, attaining its
23 highest rank and has an accomplishment that is widely recognized and respected even
24 beyond the scouting world, as indicative of one who will continue to work diligently to
25 accomplish his goals, he is an Eagle Scout.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
27 does hereby commend Neal Risley Elliott III upon his attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, a
28 superior rank attained by only two percent of those who enter scouting.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
30 Risley Elliott.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

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