

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 129

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To commend Joseph "Joey" Raphael Sims of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 103 on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend and celebrate the accomplishments of Joseph "Joey" Raphael Sims of Boy Scouts of America Troop 103 based at St. Jude Catholic Church on the memorable and historic occasion of his attainment of the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America was organized in 1910 to provide boys an educational program to build character, to train in the responsibilities of citizenship, and to develop personal fitness; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America awards its highest rank of Eagle Scout to scouts who have fulfilled the requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills; earned at least twenty-one merit badges, signifying the mastery of scout skills, including Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, and Citizenship in the World; and completed an Eagle Scout project, rendering community service; and

WHEREAS, he attended Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico and as part of the challenges, he hiked over one hundred miles in the mountains; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout, Joey provided leadership through the development and execution of his Eagle Scout Project at Southdowns Elementary School in Baton Rouge building eighteen individual garden boxes for the students there to plant and maintain vegetables, herbs, and flowers and also pressure washing all the playground tables, chairs, and recreational equipment; and

WHEREAS, Joey has been a Scout since he was five years old, beginning as a Tiger Cub, is the third Eagle Scout in his family following his father, John R. Sims III, and his brother, John R. Sims IV; and

WHEREAS, Joey graduates May 2021 from Catholic High School and intends to attend LSU in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, Joseph "Joey" Raphael Sims represents scouting's finest tradition of duty to God and country, duty to others, and duty to self.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and honor Joseph "Joey" Raphael Sims 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 made as a Scout and a citizen; does hereby congratulate Joey Sims and the members and leaders of Troop 103 as they commemorate the significant event of Mr. Sim's pledge of eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout; and does hereby extend best wishes to Joseph "Joey" Raphael Sims for 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 Joseph "Joey" Raphael Sims.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE