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4 HJR____ COMMENDING CHANDLER HAYES STEPHENSON FOR ATTAINING
5 THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

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7 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are
8 proudly extended to Chandler Hayes Stephenson of Troop 7078
9 for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in
10 the Boy Scouts of America, on November 2, 2022, and for
11 being officially honored at his Board of Review on February
12 5, 2023, where he was awarded two Silver Eagle Palms for the
13 number of Merit Badges earned over the required 21 badges;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout, earned by only a
16 small percentage of Scouts, involves the completion of an
17 Eagle Scout Project and represents many years of diligence
18 in pursuit of a worthy goal that brings honor to the Scout,
19 their family, and their troop; and

20 WHEREAS, in addition to completing an Eagle Scout
21 Project, a Boy Scout must earn 21 Merit Badges as evidence
22 of mastery in various Scouting skills and must strive to
23 display honor, loyalty, courage, cheer, and service in all
24 conduct, the five integral responsibilities of an Eagle
25 Scout; and

26 WHEREAS, Chandler has been involved with Scouting
27 since 2010, the same year that the Boy Scouts of America
28 celebrated its 100th Anniversary in the United States; he

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29 began his 12-year journey at the age of 6 when he entered
30 the program as a Tiger Cub with Cub Pack 7078, chartered by
31 Mars Hill Bible School in Florence, Alabama; after spending
32 four years in the Cub Scout Program, he advanced to Webelos
33 I and then to Webelos II, earning nine Activity Pins along
34 the way; and

35 WHEREAS, at age 11, Chandler was honored to be
36 accepted into Troop 7078 as a Scout during a Crossing Over
37 Ceremony at Camp Westmoreland; over the next seven years, he
38 advanced through the ranks to Tenderfoot; Second Class and
39 First Class, where he was elected as the youngest Senior
40 Patrol Leader at the Troop level; Star; Life; and finally,
41 Eagle Scout; for the next four years, he attended Summer
42 Camp at Camp Comer in Mentone, Alabama, where he earned most
43 of his 56 Merit Badges; in 2016, he participated in National
44 Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and then worked for an
45 additional two NYLT courses; and

46 WHEREAS, in 2018, Chandler attended Sea Base in
47 Islamorado, Florida, one of the Boy Scouts of America's four
48 High Adventure Bases in the United States, where he earned
49 his Open Water SCUBA Certification; in 2019, he attended the
50 World Scout Jamboree at The Summit: Bechtel Family National
51 Scout Reserve in Mount Hope, West Virginia; during the
52 summer of 2022, he became a member of the Summer Camp Staff
53 at Camp Comer's Summer Camp, where he taught Merit Badges
54 over a course of six weeks at the waterfront; and

55 WHEREAS, now "aged out" of the Boy Scouts of America
56 at 18 years of age, Chandler has continued his Scouting

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57 experiences by becoming heavily involved with the Order of
58 the Arrow and with the National Honor Society of the Boy
59 Scouts of America, whose mission is "to fulfill its purpose
60 as an integral part of BSA through positive youth leadership
61 under the guidance of selected capable adult leaders"; he
62 was elected to the position of Yuchi Chapter Chief of the
63 Coosa Lodge and currently serves as the Vice Chair of
64 Inductions for Coosa Lodge; most recently, he attended the
65 National Leadership Seminar for advanced leadership training
66 in the Order of the Arrow; and

67 WHEREAS, Chandler has been accepted to attend
68 Lipscomb University in the fall of 2023, where he plans to
69 earn a degree in finance; he will continue his leadership
70 role in the Order of the Arrow until turning 21 years of
71 age; and

72 WHEREAS, through the years, Chandler has exhibited
73 those hard-earned characteristics of trustworthiness,
74 self-discipline, and good citizenship, all components of the
75 Boy Scout Program; with the guidance and support of his
76 Scout leaders, he has earned the esteem of his community,
77 fellow Boy Scouts, and all Alabamians; now therefore,

78 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
79 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his
80 outstanding achievement in attaining the prestigious rank of
81 Eagle Scout, Chandler Hayes Stephenson is highly commended,
82 and this resolution is offered in tribute to him, along with
83 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.