

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY SENATOR MILLS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Matthew Maurice Louviere upon achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend and celebrate the accomplishments of Matthew Maurice Louviere of Boy Scouts of America Troop 133 and Venture Crew 119 on the occasion of his attainment of the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by the United States Congress in 1916, is to provide an educational program for boys and young men to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill all requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills, and the Eagle Scout must earn twenty-one merit badges which signify mastery of Scoutcraft skills, including Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, and Citizenship in the World; and

WHEREAS, in his scouting endeavors, as well as in life in general, Matthew has had excellent mentors and role models, including his siblings Mikelyn and Michelle; mother Tammy; and father Mike, who is a former Cub Scout leader and has held leadership positions with Troop 133 and Venture Crew 119; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the merit badges he has earned in scouting, Matthew has held several leadership positions including patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, and senior patrol leader for Troop 133; den chief for Pack 463; bugler; instructor for merit badges on kayaking, canoeing, and life saving; and has been the recipient of special scouting honors of achievement including the Claude Hoover Memorial Award for Outstanding Scout of the District and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Outstanding Scout; and

WHEREAS, Matthew served as an instructor for the Introduction to Leadership Skills training course at the National Youth Leadership Training and is trained as a Red Cross certified lifeguard with additional training in first aid and defibrillator use; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle Scout service project, Matthew, worked to improve the New Iberia City Dog Park; and

WHEREAS, Matthew attends Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church and New Iberia Senior High School in New Iberia, Louisiana, where he is graduating with honors, having attained a 3.0 GPA; has been a member of the school marching band, serving as their trumpet section leader; and has been a member of the concert band, all parish honor band, and district honor band; and

WHEREAS, Matthew's accomplishments in music earned him a position with the New Iberia Community Band and the 2017 Louisiana Start Drum Corp; and

WHEREAS, in the fall, Matthew will be attending the University of Louisiana at Lafayette where he will major in accounting and be a member of The Pride of Acadiana, UL Lafayette's marching band.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Matthew Maurice Louviere upon achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Matthew Maurice Louviere.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE