

House Resolution 16

By: Representatives Unterman of the 84th, Coleman of the 80th and Squires of the 78th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Boy Scout Troop 535; inviting members of the troop to
2 appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America have a long and distinguished history of service to
4 their communities, of training boys in outdoor skills and first aid, and of doing good deeds
5 for others; and

6 WHEREAS, on March 18, 2000, leaders and members of Boy Scout Troop 535, while
7 training for an emergency preparedness merit badge deep in the North Georgia mountains,
8 encountered Ms. Tannis Blackwell who had fallen and broken her ankle; and

9 WHEREAS, the leaders and members of Boy Scout Troop 535, using their emergency
10 preparedness skills, treated Ms. Blackwell's injuries, constructed a stretcher, and carried Ms.
11 Blackwell two miles through the mountain trails to her vehicle so that her husband was able
12 to drive her to receive medical treatment; and

13 WHEREAS, such actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Boy Scouts of
14 America and bring honor to the members of Boy Scout Troop 535; and

15 WHEREAS, the scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 535 is Grady Vickery and the assistant
16 scout masters are Jeff Evett, Randy Crane, Ray Logsdon, and John Cooper; and

17 WHEREAS, the members of Boy Scout Troop 535 are Cory Borst, Andy Vickery, Ian
18 Vickery, Chris Cooper, Jason Kien, Nick Logsdon, Sean Evett, and Russell Crane.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the leaders and members of Boy Scout Troop 535 are recognized and commended for their
21 service, dedication, courage, and efforts in their rescue of Ms. Tannis Blackwell on March
22 18, 2000.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the leaders and members of Boy Scout Troop 535 are
2 invited to appear before the House of Representatives at a time to be determined by the
3 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the leaders and members of
6 Boy Scout Troop 535.