

House Resolution 1812

By: Representative Rice of the 51<sup>st</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Alan Blinder on the occasion of becoming an Eagle Scout; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Alan was born in Memphis, Tennessee, on February 14, 1990, and he moved  
3 to the Atlanta area in 1993; and

4 WHEREAS, he attended Simpson Elementary School and enrolled at Greater Atlanta  
5 Christian School in sixth grade; and

6 WHEREAS, over the years, Alan has participated in a variety of activities and held a number  
7 of leadership roles: he is currently the co-president of the senior class at Greater Atlanta  
8 Christian School and treasurer of the National Honor Society; he served as chairman of the  
9 Campaign for Miracles on 34th Street, benefiting The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
10 and as student director of Greater Atlanta Christians's Civic Leadership Development  
11 Program; in 2006, he attended the Georgia Governor's Honors Program; in the summer of  
12 2007, he participated in the Youth Theological Initiative at Emory's Candler School of  
13 Theology; the Georgia Department of Education and the United States Senate appointed Alan  
14 as one of Georgia's two delegates for the 2008 Senate Youth Program; and

15 WHEREAS, this fall, Alan will begin at the University of Alabama on a full scholarship as  
16 a University Fellow, and he will major in neuroscience and plans a career in pediatric  
17 neurology; and

18 WHEREAS, Alan began his trail to Eagle as a Tiger Cub in Pack 575 while in the first grade,  
19 proceeding to earn the highest award in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light, as well as the  
20 Twentier Award before crossing over to Troop 525 in March 2001. Alan held a number of  
21 leadership positions in Troop 525, including instructor, patrol leader, and assistant senior  
22 patrol leader. He earned 34 merit badges and is a member of the Order of Arrow, scouting's  
23 national honor society; and

1 WHEREAS, his favorite scouting experiences included the Capture the Flag campouts and  
2 teaching the BSA 101 curriculum to a few dozen new scouts over a period of several years.  
3 However, his best scouting experience was his 2004 trip to the High Adventure, Sea Base  
4 Camp, in the Florida Keys, where he and a crew of six others lived on a deserted island for  
5 much of a week; and

6 WHEREAS, Alan's Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project was the creation of a DVD  
7 presentation on pediatric stroke, the sixth leading cause of death in children. Every school  
8 in Gwinnett County received a copy of the presentation, which has received praise from  
9 physicians, educators, and others around the country as a revolutionary, first-of-its-kind tool.  
10 The presentation is also available online; and

11 WHEREAS, a candidate for the most exceptional award in scouting must complete a  
12 rigorous program of training and demonstrate his proficiency in selected scouting techniques  
13 and attainment of the highest ideals of scouting; and

14 WHEREAS, only one scout out of 97 ever reaches this lofty level of achievement, and Alan  
15 has ably demonstrated his aptitude and competency in mastering the various special skills  
16 taught through the Boy Scout program; and

17 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to recognize with particularity  
18 the outstanding accomplishments of this extraordinary individual.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body commend Alan Blinder for his diligence and dedication in pursuing  
21 the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulate him on attaining  
22 the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Alan Blinder.