

House Resolution 1661

By: Representative Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Camilo Benitez; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Camilo Benitez has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the most distinguished  
3 rank conferred by the Boy Scouts of America; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a candidate for the most exceptional award in scouting must complete a  
5 rigorous program of training and demonstrate his proficiency in selected scouting techniques  
6 and attainment of the highest ideals of scouting; and
- 7 WHEREAS, only one scout out of 97 ever reaches this lofty level of achievement, and  
8 Camilo has ably evidenced his aptitude and competency in mastering the various special  
9 skills taught through the Boy Scout program; and
- 10 WHEREAS, this hard-working young man is a member of Troop 797 and has demonstrated  
11 great leadership skills and initiative during his years with the Boy Scouts of America  
12 program; and
- 13 WHEREAS, born in Medellin, Colombia, Camilo moved to the United States at the age of  
14 ten with his parents and sister during the summer of 2003, knowing only a few words of  
15 English; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Camilo's interest in scouting was triggered as a result of participating in School  
17 Night for Scouting at Brumby Elementary School and eventually joined Troop 797 in  
18 October, 2004, with the help from volunteer Enrique Molinet and Scoutmaster Bill Russell;  
19 and
- 20 WHEREAS, he earned the rank of first class by the summer of 2005 and attended the Boy  
21 Scouts of America National Jamboree, where he had the opportunity to meet President  
22 George W. Bush as part of the Boy Scouts of America's annual Report to the Nation; and

23 WHEREAS, a dedicated scout, Camilo has attended all three Boy Scouts of America High  
24 Adventure bases, served as a page at the state capitol, and excelled academically and  
25 athletically as a member of his school's wrestling, track, and cross country teams; and

26 WHEREAS, Camilo has truly exhibited a commitment to the scouting principles of honesty  
27 and fairness and has consistently conducted himself in a manner becoming an Eagle Scout;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, the perseverance and determination displayed by this exceptional young leader  
30 is an example for all Georgians, and great success is surely in this young man's future.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body commend Camilo Benitez for his diligence and dedication in  
33 pursuing the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulate him on  
34 attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Camilo Benitez.