

Senate Resolution 1502

By: Senator Hill of the 32nd

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2009-2010 Eagle Scout class of Troop 1011 in Cherokee,  
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in order to attain the rank of Eagle Scout, the most exceptional award in  
4 scouting, a candidate must complete a rigorous program of training and demonstrate his  
5 proficiency in selected scouting techniques and attainment of the highest ideals of scouting;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, only around 5 percent of scouts ever reaches this lofty level of achievement, and  
8 an amazing eight members of Troop 1011 have ably evidenced their aptitude and  
9 competency in mastering the various special skills taught through the Boy Scout program in  
10 order to receive this prestigious rank; and

11 WHEREAS, while it is an incredibly rare distinction for eight members from the same troop  
12 to earn the rank of Eagle Scout in the course of a year, it is even more astonishing that many  
13 of these young men have experienced the Boy Scouts of America program together since  
14 they were in the first grade as Cub Scouts; and

15 WHEREAS, this is only the second time in the 38 year history of Mt. Bethel's Scouting  
16 program that an entire patrol has become Eagle Scouts; and

17 WHEREAS, these dedicated and determined young leaders have juggled academics, sports,  
18 and extracurricular activities while working to attain the most distinguished rank conferred  
19 by the Boy Scouts of America; and

20 WHEREAS, together, these eight Eagle Scouts have experienced a number of Scouting  
21 adventures over the years, including biking the Appalachian Trail, biking on Cape Cod,  
22 snorkeling in Florida, and sailing to the Bahamas; and

23 WHEREAS, the group of eight groundbreaking scouts includes Connor Crank, Preston  
24 Ehlers, Johnathan Gopel, Kirk Malcolm, George Merriam IV, Joseph Privateer, Benjy  
25 Stamberger, and Alex Walgren; and

26 WHEREAS, throughout their years in the Boy Scouts of America program, this patrol has  
27 earned numerous awards, including the Baden Powell National Honor Patrol, Veteran  
28 Summer Camper Award, World Conservation Award, and U.S. Heritage Award; and

29 WHEREAS, these outstanding Georgians have truly exhibited a commitment to the scouting  
30 principles of honesty and fairness and have consistently conducted themselves in a manner  
31 becoming Eagle Scouts.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 commend the eight Eagle Scouts of Troop 1011 for their diligence and dedication in pursuing  
34 the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulate them on their rare  
35 distinction as a group.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Connor Crank, Preston Ehlers, Johnathan  
38 Gopel, Kirk Malcolm, George Merriam IV, Joseph Privateer, Benjy Stamberger, and Alex  
39 Walgren.