

By: Representative Maples

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JOHN DARWIN "TIGER" MAPLES ON  
2 RECEIVING THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD.

3 WHEREAS, John Darwin "Tiger" Maples of Perkinston,  
4 Mississippi, attained the rank of Eagle Scout on November 14,  
5 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, the son of Stephen and Cindy Maples, John Darwin is  
7 a member of Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 25 of Lucedale,  
8 Mississippi, where he has held leadership positions as Senior  
9 Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader and Quartermaster; and

10 WHEREAS, John Darwin has been a Boy Scout Camp Tiak  
11 participant for four years, earning required Merit Badges for  
12 completing the mile swim for three consecutive years and  
13 completing the requirements for BSA lifeguard; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition to earning these merits, John Darwin was  
15 also a 2001 participant at Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia, at the  
16 National Scout Jamboree; and

17 WHEREAS, John Darwin's Eagle Scout project consisted of  
18 planning, working and raising the funds necessary to build an  
19 outside classroom deck for the students at Benndale Elementary  
20 School in George County, Mississippi; and

21 WHEREAS, in conjunction with his scout tasks, John Darwin has  
22 excelled and maintained creditable academic standing, as  
23 exemplified by the many honors and awards he has received such as  
24 honor roll, the Algebra Award, the Citizenship Award and the  
25 President's Student Service Award for Outstanding Community  
26 Service; and



27           WHEREAS, John Darwin also balances a healthy extracurricular  
28 schedule, including being a member of the student council,  
29 football and soccer teams; and

30           WHEREAS, a freshman at George County High School, John Darwin  
31 resides on Tiger Branch, the family farm, with his parents and  
32 younger brother, Sam, who is also a Boy Scout; and

33           WHEREAS, John Darwin, a member of Pine Grove United Methodist  
34 Church, enjoys the leisurely activities of hunting, swimming and  
35 working on the family farm; and

36           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of  
37 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence,  
38 especially when evidenced by the young people of our state, who  
39 are its future:

40           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
41 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
42 commend and congratulate John Darwin "Tiger" Maples on receiving  
43 the Eagle Scout Award and wish to express our heartiest wishes for  
44 success in all his future endeavors.

45           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
46 furnished to John Darwin "Tiger" Maples and to the members of the  
47 Capitol Press Corps.

