A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE 29 EAGLE SCOUTS FROM THE 2001-2002 SENIOR CLASS AT JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND COMMENDING THE RICH SCOUTING TRADITION AT THIS EXCELLENT INSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, forty-one percent of the males in the 2001-2002 Senior Class at Jackson Preparatory School have attained the coveted rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, to receive the Eagle Medal, a Scout must earn 22 merit badges. Mandatory badges include three for citizenship and one each for camping, communications, lifesaving, environmental science, first aid, personal fitness/sports, personal management, safety and family life; and

WHEREAS, being an Eagle Scout teaches you life skills: 64% of Air Force Academy graduates were Scouts; 63% of West Point graduates were Scouts; 77% of Annapolis graduates were Scouts; 72% of all Rhodes Scholars were Scouts; 85% of all FBI agents were Scouts; and 57% of the first 65 astronauts were Scouts; and

WHEREAS, for every 100 boys who join a Boy Scout troop: 12 will have their first contact with a church; 1 will enter the clergy; 8 will enter a career that was learned through the merit badge system; 1 will use his Boy Scout skills to save a life; 1 will use his Boy Scout skills to save his own life; 17 will become scouting volunteers; and 2 will become Eagle Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Preparatory School Senior Eagle Scouts are:

Andrew Adcock, Matthew Baker, Matt Beall, Nathan Brown, Baker Cannada, Bo Crutcher, Jim Cunningham, Bert Green, Mark Green, John Grant, Tal Hendrix, Brian Hey, David Hobbs, Chris Hollomon, Wilson Hood, Palmer Houchins, Christopher Johnston, Cameron Jones, Andrew
Lake, Andrew Luter, David Nix, Richard Noel, Mark Runnels, Scott Vickers, James Watts, Cal Wells, Newton Wiggins, Ashton Williams and Carter Wise; and

WHEREAS, Steve Shows, the Eastern District executive in the Andrew Jackson Council of Boy Scouts, and Troop 8 Scoutmaster Paul Calhoun are not surprised that Jackson Prep has so many Eagle Scouts because they come from a school that is very rich in scouting. At Jackson Prep, it's an "in" thing to be a Scout; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these young Mississippians, whose dedication to the traditions of scouting, self-discipline, determination and leadership demonstrate a dedication to citizenship and patriotism:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby congratulate the 29 Eagle Scouts from the 2001-2002 Senior Class at Jackson Preparatory School, commend the rich scouting tradition at this excellent institution and wish these young men continued success in their future scouting, academic and civic service endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the 29 Jackson Prep Eagle Scouts and their families, to Troop 8 Scoutmaster Paul Calhoun and to the Headmaster of Jackson Preparatory School.