

By: Senator(s) Robertson, Burton, Michel,  
Moffatt

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING RYAN JOSEPH M.  
2 WILLIAMS UPON ATTAINING THE COVETED RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT.

3 WHEREAS, Ryan Joseph M. Williams, a member of Boy Scout Troop  
4 271 of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, has attained the coveted rank  
5 of Eagle Scout and will receive the award at an Eagle Scout Court  
6 of Honor Ceremony at the Christus Victor Lutheran Church in Ocean  
7 Springs, Mississippi, in February 2005; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Ryan began his journey as a Tiger Cub in Cub Scouts,  
14 progressed through the ranks, joined Troop 271 in the Pine Burr  
15 Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, in Ocean Springs, completed  
16 all of the rank and advancement requirements, and completed his  
17 Eagle Scout project; and

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

23 WHEREAS, for every 100 boys who join a Boy Scout troop: 12  
24 will have their first contact with a church; one will enter the  
25 clergy; eight will enter a career that was learned through the  
26 merit badge system; one will use his Boy Scout skills to save a  
27 life; one will use his Boy Scout skills to save his own life; 17

28 will become scouting volunteers; and two will become Eagle Scouts;  
29 and

30 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this young  
31 Mississippian, whose dedication to the traditions of scouting,  
32 self-discipline, determination and leadership demonstrate a  
33 dedication to citizenship and patriotism:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
35 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Ryan  
36 Joseph M. Williams of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, upon attaining  
37 the coveted rank of Eagle Scout, extend the best wishes of the  
38 Senate to his family, and wish him continued success in his future  
39 scouting, academic and civic service endeavors.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
41 Ryan and his family, and be made available to the Capitol Press  
42 Corps.