

By: Representative Scott

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 42

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING CHRISTOPHER BROWN,  
2 UPON EARNING THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD, AND EXTENDING SINCEREST WISHES  
3 FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

4 WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of  
5 achievements by Black Americans and a time for recognizing the  
6 central role of African Americans in United States history; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1976, President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to  
8 "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected  
9 accomplishments of the Black Americans in every area of endeavor  
10 throughout our history"; and

11 WHEREAS, on June 8, 1926, Edgar Cunningham Sr., became the  
12 first African-American Eagle Scout, as a member of Troop 12, in  
13 Waterloo, Iowa, of the Wapsipinicon Area Council, under the  
14 leadership of scoutmaster James Lincoln Page, a World War I  
15 veteran, who organized the first all-Black Boy Scout Troops, which  
16 were Troops 9 and 10, on February 10, 1925; and

17 WHEREAS, the title of Eagle Scout is the highest rank  
18 attainable in the scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America



19 (BSA), awarded to any boy scout who has earned 21 merit badges and  
20 demonstrated Scout Spirit through the Boy Scout Oath and Law,  
21 service and leadership, which include an execution of an extensive  
22 service project that the scout plans, organizes, leads and  
23 manages; and

24 WHEREAS, completion of these important community projects are  
25 used to assess the scout's demonstration of leadership and  
26 commitment to duty, and often benefit religious institutions,  
27 schools and the community, without inuring the benefit of the Boy  
28 Scouts or be of a commercial nature; and

29 WHEREAS, Eagle Scouts are presented with a medal and a badge  
30 that visibly recognizes the accomplishments of the scout, and  
31 additional recognition can be earned through Eagle Palms, awarded  
32 for completing additional tenure, leadership, and merit badge  
33 requirements; and

34 WHEREAS, Christopher Brown has fulfilled his duties and  
35 obligations of maintaining and promoting the mission and vision of  
36 the Boy Scouts of America by earning the required 21 merit badges,  
37 while maintaining "B" academic honors as a junior at West Jones  
38 High School; and

39 WHEREAS, a member of the Culinary Arts Department with the  
40 West Jones' vocational and technical education team, Christopher's  
41 church, West Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, is a  
42 constant source of encouragement, and reinforces the achievements  
43 and accomplishments of this young African-American man in



44 representation of the continued legacy of excellence of the first  
45 African-American Eagle Scout, Edgar Cunningham Sr.; and

46 WHEREAS, on Sunday, February 25, 2024, Christopher Brown will  
47 join the elite ranks of the proud few who have earned the  
48 distinguished honor of being bestowed the title of Eagle Scout;  
49 and

50 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
51 commend young Mississippians, such as Christopher Brown, who has  
52 attained scouting's highest rank and in doing so, brought honor to  
53 his family, school, community and the State of Mississippi:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
56 commend and congratulate Christopher Brown, upon earning the Eagle  
57 Scout Award, and extend sincerest wishes for continued success in  
58 all his future endeavors.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
60 furnished to Eagle Scout Christopher Brown and to the members of  
61 the Capitol Press Corps.

