

By: Representative Scott

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MICAL COOK, UPON
2 EARNING THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD, AND EXTENDING SINCEREST WISHES FOR
3 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, Mical Cook has fulfilled his duties and obligations
35 of maintaining and promoting the mission and vision of the Boy
36 Scouts of America by earning the required 21 merit badges, while
37 maintaining "B" academic honors as a senior at West Jones High
38 School; and

39 WHEREAS, a stand out scholar-athlete who is a member of the
40 West Jones football team, Mical's church, Old Palestine Missionary
41 Baptist Church, is a constant source of encouragement, and
42 reinforces the achievements and accomplishments of this young
43 African-American man in representation of the continued legacy of



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

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

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

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

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

