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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate Brendon Michael McCray on 4 achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of 5 America; and

WHEREAS, Brendon McCray is a member of Boy Scout Troop 270 in Frankfort and Rainbow Council in Lockport; as a Scout, he has served his troop in a variety of leadership roles, including Assistant Patrol Leader, Historian, and Bugler; he has earned 40 merit badges and is skilled in first aid; he is a senior at Lincoln Way East High School and will continue his education at New York University in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Brendon McCray has participated in many extracurricular activities, including the Philmont High Adventure training, an adventure in the high country along hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails, where he hiked up to 20 miles a day and learned how to protect his food supply from bears; as trumpet section leader for the Lincoln Way High School Marching Band, he has developed his communication and leadership skills; he also participated in the polar bear campout, which included camping outdoors in freezing temperatures; he quickly learned how to build a fire to stay warm and to cook for himself and his fellow scouts; and

WHEREAS, Brendon McCray completed his Eagle Scout project, the construction of four large planter boxes, for the Frankfort Park District; he designed and constructed planter boxes that were more durable and longer lasting, led a group of scouts and adults, organized and divided the workload, and oversaw each step of the project; he developed his knowledge of project planning and preparedness through this project; and

WHEREAS, Brendon McCray sets a fine example for his peers and friends through his leadership, hard work, and commitment; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Brendon Michael McCray on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America, and we commend his dedication and determination in achieving this most prestigious of scouting awards; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Brendon McCray as an expression of our esteem and respect.