Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 155

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 155—Relative to Eagle Scouts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 155, as amended, Cogdill. Eagle Scouts.
This measure would recognize the efforts of Boy Scouts who earn the rank of Eagle Scout.
Fiscal committee:  no.

WHEREAS, Since the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, over one million Boy Scouts have earned the rank of Eagle, the highest honor that can be bestowed on a youth in the Boy Scouts of America; and
WHEREAS, Less than 2 percent of all scouts who join the Boy Scouts of America attain the rank of Eagle; and
WHEREAS, Those scouts who have attained the rank of Eagle are some of the best ambassadors the state could have, as they
represent the qualities consistent with those held by the founders of this nation during its creation; and

WHEREAS, Japanese Fuji Scouts and Queen Scouts from the United Kingdom both share the same duty as ambassadors of their countries in representing character and honor and are recognized world-wide for their achievements; and

WHEREAS, An Eagle Scout can be followed, as he is a leader in his troop and community; and

WHEREAS, An Eagle Scout lives honorably, not only because honor is important to him, but because of the significant example he sets for other scouts; and

WHEREAS, Loyalty to his troop and brother scouts makes him “pitch-in” and carry his share of the load, recognizing the devotion to his family and the community in which he lives; and

WHEREAS, The courage represented by an Eagle Scout is that of standing up for what he believes in without compromising his own beliefs; and

WHEREAS, An Eagle Scout looks forward to each day, seeking his share of the world’s work to do; and

WHEREAS, Honor, loyalty, and courage are hallmarks of Eagle Scouts who admirably represent the community, council, and troop in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, An Eagle Scout always wears a smile as a constant reminder of cheerfulness; and

WHEREAS, An Eagle Scout is helpful in service, as the Eagle stands as a protector of the weak and helpless, will aid and comfort the unfortunate and oppressed, and will always “Be Prepared” to put forth his best; and

WHEREAS, The character traits represented by Eagle Scouts are symbols present in the Eagle Scout badge, worn proudly on the uniform, by youth in this state and across the country; and

WHEREAS, The rank of Eagle Scout, along with its international equivalents, will continue to represent the guiding lights of leadership to those scouts who choose to follow in their footsteps; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the outstanding efforts of Boy Scouts who, through persistence and hard work, earn the rank of Eagle Scout, promote the
brotherhood of scouting across international boundaries as a model of leadership, character, and honor, and provide a solid foundation and common thread to unite all persons around the world; and be it further

Resolved, That the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, Congratulates the Boy Scouts of America on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of their congressional charter, and recognizes the valuable contributions made by the Boy Scouts of America in training our young people for citizenship, service, and leadership; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.