

2021 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 303

Commending Jack Gray.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2021

WHEREAS, Jack Gray of Ashburn achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America, in 2020; and

WHEREAS, only a limited number of Scouts meet the standards of excellence necessary to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout; Jack Gray met the requirements of earning 23 merit badges, demonstrating Scout spirit and leadership in his troop, and planning and completing a service project; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle Scout service project, Jack Gray chose to clean and restore an abandoned cemetery he had previously discovered while hiking in Brambleton Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, Jack Gray contacted officials from NOVA Parks to learn the history of the 4,200-acre plot, known as the Lyons Family Cemetery, which contains headstones dating from the Civil War to World War I representing members of several Loudoun County families; and

WHEREAS, Jack Gray sought expertise from Jim Short, the owner of a gravestone restoration business, and coordinated with fellow members of Boy Scouts of America Troop 51 to complete the project, which took place over the course of 10 months; and

WHEREAS, Jack Gray's project included the restoration of a stone fence and a wrought iron fence, landscaping, the placement of informative signage, and the meticulous identification, cleaning, and restoration of gravestones; and

WHEREAS, Jack Gray set an excellent example for fellow young people in Ashburn and helped protect and preserve the history and heritage of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Jack Gray hereby be commended on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jack Gray as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his commitment to community service.

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