

SENATE RESOLUTION
8648

By Senators Franklin, West, Rasmussen and T. Sheldon

WHEREAS, The fact that a boy is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in scouting but also as he enters higher education, business or industry, and community service; and

WHEREAS, The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in Scouting, and to earn this a boy must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills; and

WHEREAS, James Melvin Rhoden has achieved the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life to attain this highest level of Scouting achievement; and

WHEREAS, Merit badges signify the mastery of certain Scoutcraft skills, as well as helping boys increase their skills in an area of personal interest; and

WHEREAS, James Melvin Rhoden has earned 26 merit badges, five merit badges above the 21 required to qualify for the Eagle Scout rank; and

WHEREAS, For his Eagle Scout Service Project, James Melvin Rhoden provided Sunset Terrace Park in his community with two sturdy picnic tables, which he built and stained by organizing 22 volunteers and over 90 man hours; and

WHEREAS, The rank of Eagle Scout is a significant achievement in a young man's life and takes many years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor James Melvin Rhoden as an outstanding citizen and member of the community, which he has proven to be by achieving the highest rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to James Melvin Rhoden, in recognition of his outstanding achievement, and to David Carter, Scoutmaster of Troop 414 in the Wapato District of the Pacific Harbor Council.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8648,
adopted by the Senate
April 15, 2003

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.
Secretary of the Senate