

Robert B. Nelsen

Extraordinary Achievements in Scouting

By the authority of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is hereby issued:

WHEREAS, since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has helped mold future leaders by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun; the Boy Scouts of America tries to meet six essential needs of the young people growing up in our society: mentoring, lifelong learning, faith traditions, serving others, healthy living and building character; to help young people learn life lessons in each of these areas the Boy Scouts of America has developed the merit badge program; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scouts have been able to earn 130 merit badges in the following subjects after meeting the requirements for each badge: Animal Science; American Business; American Cultures; American Heritage; American Labor; Archaeology; Archery; Architecture; Art; Astronomy; Athletics; Automotive Maintenance; Aviation; Backpacking; Basketry; Bird Study; Bugling; Camping; Carpentry (2010 Historical); Canoeing; Chemistry; Cinematography; Citizenship in the Community; Citizenship in the Nation; Citizenship in the World; Climbing; Coin collecting; Collections; Communications; Composite Materials; Computers; Cooking; Crime Prevention; Cycling; Dentistry; Disabilities Awareness; Dog Care; Drafting; Electricity; Electronics; Emergency Preparedness; Energy; Engineering; Entrepreneurship; Environmental Science; Family Life; Farm Mechanics; Fingerprinting; Fire Safety; First Aid; Fish and Wildlife Management; Fishing; Fly Fishing; Forestry; Gardening; Genealogy; Geocaching; Geology; Golf; Graphic Arts; Hiking; Home Repairs; Horsemanship; Indian Lore; Insect Study; Inventing; Journalism; Landscape Architecture; Law; Leatherwork; Lifesaving; Mammal Study; Medicine; Metalwork; Model Design and Building; Motor Boating; Music; Nature; Nuclear Science; Oceanography; Orienteering; Painting; Pathfinding (2010 Historical); Personal Fitness; Personal Management; Pets; Photography; Pioneering; Plant Science; Plumbing; Pottery; Public Health; Public Speaking; Pulp and Paper; Radio; Railroading; Reading; Reptile and Amphibian Study; Rifle Shooting; Robotics; Rowing; Safety; Salesmanship; Scholarship; Scouting Heritage; SCUBA Diving; Sculpture; Shotgun Shooting; Signaling (2010 Historical); Skating; Soil and Water Conservation; Small Boat Sailing; Snow Sports; Space Exploration; Sports; Stamp Collecting; Surveying; Swimming; Textile; Theater; Tracking (2010 Historical); Traffic Safety; Truck Transportation; Veterinary Medicine; Water Sports; Weather; Whitewater; Wilderness Survival; Wood Carving; and Woodwork; and

WHEREAS, according to the Orange County Council of the Boy Scouts of America, on June 11, 2011, Robert B. Nelsen became the first Boy Scout to earn all 130 merit badges in the 100-year history of Scouting in California; in addition Robert has earned the rank of Eagle Scout; his Eagle Scout Leadership Project was the construction of an eight-part platform set for the Special Olympics awards ceremony at the Orange County Regional Games in 2009; Robert has continued in Scouting leadership as a member of Sea Scout Ship 711, Del Mar; and

WHEREAS, beyond Scouting, Robert has been recognized for his academic success and his involvement in athletics; he earned a 4.29 academic grade point average during his freshman year at Tustin High School and is a Tustin High School Top Scholar Award of Excellence recipient; he is also a California Scholarship Federation member, on the Principal's Honor Roll, an Orange County individual award winner on the Tustin High School Academic Decathlon team, has won several awards as a member of the Model United Nations team, and was nominated in Mathematics to the United States Achievement Academy; he was a Scholar Athlete and Offensive Player of the Year on the 2010-11 Tustin High School Jr. Varsity basketball team and was named to the Empire League All Academic Team as a member of Tustin High School's 2010-11 freshman baseball team; he also served as Freshman Class President and was recently elected Sophomore Class President; and

WHEREAS, Robert Nelsen's life focus is "To Make a Difference" in all of the different activities in which he has or will participate in during his lifetime; the accomplishments that Robert Nelsen has achieved at such a young age are impressive and his commitment to the Boy Scouts of America is commendable; through his involvement with the Boy Scouts, Robert Nelsen has contributed to the Orange County community; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor Robert Nelsen for his extraordinary achievements in Scouting and for being the first Boy Scout in Orange County and the state of California to earn 130 merit badges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby congratulate Robert B. Nelsen on his earning of 130 merit badges, commend him for his service to the Orange County community through Scouting, and offer him best wishes in all his future endeavors.