HONORING JAMES SPENCER MANSHEIM FOR EARNING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize James Spencer Mansheim, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts

of America, Troop 370, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jay has been very active with his troop, participating in such Scout activities as the Sea Base High Adventure, Philmont High Adventure, 7 Camporees, 6 Scout mall shows, 3 Klondikes, and over 50 campouts with his troop. Over the 7 years he has been involved in Scouting, he has earned 32 merit badges. Additionally, Jay has held numerous leadership positions, serving as patrol leader, senior patrol leader and, since his 18th birthday, serving as the troop's assistant Scoutmaster. Jay also has been honored for his numerous

Scouting achievements with such awards as the Snorkeling Award, the BSA Lifeguard Award, the National Camping Award, and the World Conservation Award.

For his Eagle Scout project, Jay built a new playground for his church as well as covering the area with wood chips and erecting a chain-link fence around the area.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending James Spencer Mansheim for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.