

Gov. Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 11829
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February 17, 2015

Dear Gov. Haley,

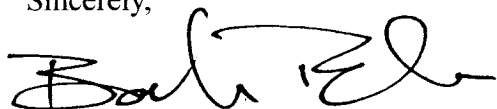
Recently a young man in our troop, Chester D. Taylor, achieved the noteworthy rank of Eagle, fulfilling a personal milestone in his development as a leader among his peers and in our community. I understand that you have many responsibilities competing for your time and attention, but if you could spare a moment, I'd like to invite your assistance in recognizing this achievement by sending a personal note to Chet in the enclosed envelope. Finishing his Eagle was particularly challenging for him due to the workload from classes at the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics in Hartsville--I am happy to be able to report that he has excelled there, at least in part due to habits he internalized as a Boy Scout. I am certain a short acknowledgment from you would be very meaningful to him.

Chet has been an active leader in his troop since he first became a scout, but has also been actively engaged as a leader in his church youth group, marching and concert band, NJROTC unit, school councils, and athletic endeavors. While he has worked hard to achieve excellence in everything he does, and has been recognized in many ways for his efforts, this has been a particularly longstanding goal of his.

To complete his work towards this rank, Chet collaborated with a community recreation association to design and install handrails for some stairwells along public access routes to the recreation area. Older and less mobile residents had been requesting improvements for some time, as the stairs are somewhat steep and often can be slick with fallen pine straw. When Chet learned of the need he worked with community leaders to make it a reality.

Thank you very much for taking time to help recognize this personal achievement for and service given by Chet as he has striven to make Scouting's values a real and personal part of his life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenden Taylor", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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