

By Representatives Lacasa, Morse, Villalobos, Garcia,
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House Resolution

A resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary
of the George Merrick Troop 7 of Coral Gables.

WHEREAS, George Merrick introduced scouting to the City
of Coral Gables on March 15, 1922, when he organized Boy Scout
Troop 7, and

WHEREAS, since its beginning, George Merrick Troop 7
has been an integral part of the history of Coral Gables,
providing the city with outstanding youths, many of whom have
distinguished themselves in leadership roles, both locally and
nationally, and

WHEREAS, more than 3,000 area boys have benefited from
the lessons that scouting has afforded, and more than 160 have
attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the ultimate rank in boy
scouting, and

WHEREAS, members, past and present, of George Merrick
Troop 7 of Coral Gables, Inc., have participated in such civic
activities as cleaning up the Miami River and the Coral Gables
waterways, restoration of local churches, distribution of
Goodwill bags and literature on drug prevention, fundraising
for mentally and physically disabled persons, and food and
clothing drives, safety promotions, and historic-flag
presentations, and

WHEREAS, the history of this troop was highlighted on
March 15, 1998, when 75 years of scouting in Coral Gables was
commemorated by the national organization, Boy Scouts of
America, and George Merrick Troop 7 was recognized for its
uninterrupted service to its community and its nation, NOW,
THEREFORE,

1 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Florida:

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4 That the Florida House of Representatives joins the
5 City of Coral Gables in recognizing the accomplishments of
6 George Merrick Troop 7 of Coral Gables, Inc., on the occasion
7 of its 75th anniversary and commending the troop for its
8 strong commitment to public service.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
10 be presented to George Merrick Troop 7 of Coral Gables, Inc.,
11 as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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