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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the Boy Scouts of America on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, Chicago publisher William D. Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910, after being inspired by an English Boy Scout who guided him through a dense London fog and refused a tip, explaining that he was doing his Good Turn as a Scout, and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America was established to teach the boys of the United States patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred values, and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of its founders, including Daniel Carter Beard, the first National Scout Commissioner; Ernest Thompson Seton, the first Chief Scout; and Dr. James E. West, the first Chief Scout Executive, the national Scouting movement rapidly expanded throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, more than 100 million boys have strived to uphold the Scout Oath: "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight," and

WHEREAS, the Scout Law defines that a Scout is "trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent," and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 1912, the first Eagle Scout rank was presented to Arthur Eldred, and more than 2 million Scouts have since earned the Eagle Scout rank, and

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29 WHEREAS, more than 1 million volunteer adult leaders
30 selflessly serve young people in their communities each year
31 through the Boy Scouts of America, and

32 WHEREAS, the vision of the Boy Scouts of America remains to
33 prepare every eligible boy in the United States to become a
34 responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by
35 the Scout Oath and Law, and

36 WHEREAS, this year, Florida's 10 local councils of the Boy
37 Scouts of America, together with the 108,000 Scouts and adult
38 leaders in the state, are celebrating Scouting's 100th
39 anniversary with the theme Celebrating the Adventure, Continuing
40 the Journey, NOW, THEREFORE,

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42 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
43 Florida:

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45 That the Boy Scouts of America is congratulated on the
46 occasion of its 100th anniversary and commended for its many
47 years of service to the youth of this state.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
49 presented to the Alabama-Florida Council, Central Florida
50 Council, Gulf Coast Council, Gulf Ridge Council, Gulf Stream
51 Council, North Florida Council, South Florida Council, Southwest
52 Florida Council, Suwannee River Area Council, and West Central
53 Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America as a tangible token
54 of the sentiments expressed herein.